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L25          23 S L21,L24  
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              E E2+ALL  
L31          3981 S E3+NT  
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              E TRECO D/AU  
L37          24 S E3-E6  
              E SELDEN R/AU  
L38          68 S E3,E5,E6,E9,E10  
L39          1076 S L35-L38

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L47 401 S L39 AND 00520/CC  
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L56 ANSWER 1 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS  
AN 2000:646120 HCAPLUS  
DN 133:234455  
TI Methods for modification of .alpha.-galactosidase A glycosylation, for purification of enzyme, and for treatment of Fabry disease  
IN Selden, Richard F.; Borowski, Marianne; Kinoshita, Carol M.; Treco, Douglas A.; Williams, Melanie D.; Schuetz, Thomas J.; Daniel, Peter F.  
PA Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., USA  
SO PCT Int. Appl., 92 pp.  
CODEN: PIXXD2  
DT Patent  
LA English  
FAN.CNT 1

	PATENT NO.	KIND	DATE	APPLICATION NO.	DATE
PI	WO 2000053730	A2	20000914	WO 2000-US6118	20000309
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PRAI	US 1999-266014		19990311		
AB	<p>The invention provides highly purified .alpha.-galactosidase A (.alpha.-Gal A), and various methods for purifying it; .alpha.-Gal A prepsns. with altered charge and methods for making those prepsns.; .alpha.-Gal A prepsns. that have an extended circulating half-life in a mammalian host, and methods for making same; and methods and dosages for administering an .alpha.-Gal A prepn. to a subject. Thus, using Bu Sepharose, Heparin Sepharose, hydroxyapatite, Q Sepharose, and Superdex 200 column chromatog., .alpha.-Gal A was purified, in 59% yield, to a specific activity of 2.92 X 10<sup>6</sup> units/mg protein. The glycosylation pattern of the enzyme was altered by enzymic treatment (e.g., with sialidase) and its biodistribution detd. Desialylated .alpha.-Gal A localized more to the liver than did the untreated enzyme. Fabry fibroblast cocultured with recombinant fibroblast secreting .alpha.-Gal A internalized the enzyme and exhibited .alpha.-Gal A activity similar to that of normal cells.</p>				
L56	ANSWER 2 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS				
AN	2000:454242 HCAPLUS				
DN	133:53716				
TI	Gene and enzyme replacement therapy for .alpha.-galactosidase A deficiency				
IN	Selden, Richard F.; Borowski, Marianne; Gillispie, Frances P.; Kinoshita, Carol M.; Treco, Douglas A.; Williams, Melanie D.				
PA	Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., USA				
SO	U.S., 32 pp. CODEN: USXXAM				
DT	Patent				
LA	English				
FAN.CNT	1				
	PATENT NO.	KIND	DATE	APPLICATION NO.	DATE
PI	US 6083725	A	20000704	US 1997-928881	19970912
PRAI	US 1996-26041		19960913		
AB	<p>A therepeutic method whereby an individual suspected of having an .alpha.-galactosidase A deficiency, such as Fabry disease, is treated either with (1) human cells that have been genetically modified to overexpress and secrete human .alpha.-gal A, or (2) purified human .alpha.-gal A obtained from cultured, genetically modified human cells. A therapeutic method is provided whereby an individual suspected of having an .alpha.-galactosidase A (.alpha.-gal A) deficiency, such as Fabry disease, is treated either with (1) human cells that have been genetically modified to overexpress and secrete human .alpha.-gal A, or (2) purified human .alpha.-gal A obtained from cultured, genetically modified human cells. Expressing a DNA encoding human .alpha.-gal A in cultured human cells produces a polypeptide that is glycosylated appropriately, so that it is not only enzymically active and capable of acting on the glycosphingolipid substrate which accumulates in Fabry disease, but is also efficiently internalized by cells via cell surface receptors which target it exactly to where it is needed in this disease. Two expression plasmids, pXAG-16 and pXAG-28, were constructed. These plasmids contain human .alpha.-gal A cDNA encoding the 398 amino acids of the .alpha.-gal A enzyme (without its signal peptide); the human growth hormone (hGH) signal peptide genomic DNA sequence, which is interrupted by the first intron of the hGH gene; and the 3'-untranslated sequence (UTS) of the hGH gene,</p>				

which contains a signal for polyadenylation. Plasmid pXAG-16 has the human cytomegalovirus immediate-early promoter and first intron (flanked by noncoding exon sequences), whereas pXAG-28 is driven by the collagen I.alpha.2 promoter and also contains the .beta.-actin gene's 5'-UTS, which contains the first intron of the .beta.-actin gene. Expression by fibroblasts stably transfected with pXAG-16 or pXAG-28, using the hGH signal peptide, was substantially higher than that in transfected fibroblasts using the homologous .alpha.-gal A signal peptide. Recombinant .alpha.-gal A could be purified by Butyl-Sepharose hydrophobic interaction chromatog., heparin-Sepharose chromatog., hydroxylapatite chromatog., Q Sepharose HP anion-exchange chromatog., and Superdex-200 gel filtration chromatog. Purified .alpha.-Gal A activity was stable over a 3-mo period when the pH of the formulation was <6.5.

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L56 ANSWER 3 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 2000:238012 HCAPLUS

DN 132:247163

TI In vivo protein production and delivery system for gene therapy

IN Selden, Richard F.; Treco, Douglas; Heartlein, Michael W.

PA Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., USA

SO U.S., 26 pp., Cont.-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 312,444, abandoned.

CODEN: USXXAM

DT Patent

LA English

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PI	US 6048729	A	20000411	US 1994-334797	19941104
	AU 8817160	A1	19881202	AU 1988-17160	19880502
	AU 632457	B2	19930107		
	JP 02503265	T2	19901011	JP 1988-504046	19880502
	DK 8905447	A	19891229	DK 1989-5447	19891101
	US 6054288	A	20000425	US 1995-443936	19950518
PRAI	US 1987-44719		19870501		
	US 1991-787760		19911106		
	US 1992-918927		19920722		
	US 1994-180701		19940113		
	US 1994-312444		19940926		
	WO 1988-US1448		19880502		
	US 1991-787840		19911105		
	US 1994-334797		19941104		

AB The present invention relates to transfected primary and secondary somatic cells of vertebrate origin, particularly mammalian origin, transfected with exogenous genetic material (DNA) which encodes a desired (e.g., a therapeutic) product or is itself a desired (e.g., therapeutic) product, methods by which primary and secondary cells are transfected to include exogenous genetic material, methods of producing clonal cell strains or heterogeneous cell strains, methods of gene therapy in which the transfected primary or secondary cells are used, and methods of producing antibodies using the transfected primary or secondary cells. The present invention includes primary and secondary somatic cells, such as fibroblasts, keratinocytes, epithelial cells, endothelial cells, glial cells, neural cells, formed elements of the blood, muscle cells, other somatic cells which can be cultured and somatic cell precursors, which have been transfected with exogenous DNA which is stably integrated into their genomes or is expressed in the cells episomally. The exogenous DNA either encodes a product, such as a translational product (e.g., a



protein) or a transcriptional product (e.g., a ribozyme or an anti-sense nucleic acid sequence) which is a therapeutic product or is itself a therapeutic product (e.g., DNA which binds to a cellular regulatory protein or alters gene expression).

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RE

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  - (3) Anderson; US 5399346 1995 HCAPLUS
  - (4) Anon; EP 0038765 1981 HCAPLUS
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- ALL CITATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE RE FORMAT

L56 ANSWER 4 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 2000:38523 HCAPLUS

DN 132:189638

TI Infusion of .alpha.-galactosidase A reduces tissue globotriaosylceramide storage in patients with Fabry disease

AU Schiffmann, R.; Murray, G. J.; Treco, D.; Daniel, P.; Sellos-Moura, M.; Myers, M.; Quirk, J. M.; Zirzow, G. C.; Borowski, M.; Loveday, K.; Anderson, T.; Gillespie, F.; Oliver, K. L.; Jeffries, N. O.; Doo, E.; Liang, T. J.; Kreps, C.; Gunter, K.; Frei, K.; Crutchfield, K.; Selden, R. F.; Brady, R. O.

CS Developmental and Metabolic Neurology Branch, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, 20892-1260, USA

SO Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A. (2000), 97(1), 365-370  
CODEN: PNASA6; ISSN: 0027-8424

PB National Academy of Sciences

DT Journal

LA English

AB Fabry disease is a lysosomal storage disorder caused by a deficiency of the lysosomal enzyme .alpha.-galactosidase A (.alpha.-gal A). This enzymic defect results in the accumulation of the glycosphingolipid globotriaosylceramide (Gb3; also referred to as ceramidetrihexoside) throughout the body. To investigate the effects of purified .alpha.-gal A, 10 patients with Fabry disease received a single i.v. infusion of one of five escalating dose levels of the enzyme. The objectives of this study were: (i) to evaluate the safety of administered .alpha.-gal A, (ii) to assess the pharmacokinetics of i.v.-administered .alpha.-gal A in plasma and liver, and (iii) to det. the effect of this replacement enzyme on hepatic, urine sediment and plasma concns. of Gb3. .alpha.-Gal A infusions were well tolerated in all patients. Immunohistochem. staining of liver tissue approx. 2 days after enzyme infusion identified .alpha.-gal A in several cell types, including sinusoidal endothelial cells, Kupffer cells, and hepatocytes, suggesting diffuse uptake via the mannose 6-phosphate receptor. The tissue half-life in the liver was greater than 24 h. After the single dose of .alpha.-gal A, nine of the 10 patients had significantly reduced Gb3 levels both in the liver and shed renal tubular epithelial cells in the urine sediment. These data demonstrate that single infusions of .alpha.-gal A prepd. from transfected human fibroblasts are both safe and biochem. active in patients with Fabry disease. The degree of substrate redn. seen in the study is potentially clin. significant in view of the fact that Gb3 burden in Fabry patients increases gradually over decades. Taken together, these results suggest that enzyme replacement is likely to be an effective therapy for patients with this metabolic disorder.

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L56 ANSWER 5 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS  
 AN 1999:723191 HCAPLUS  
 DN 131:347493  
 TI Genomic sequences upstream of the coding region of the interferon-.alpha.2 gene IFNA2 for protein production and delivery  
 IN Treco, Douglas A.; Heartlein, Michael W.; Selden, Richard F.  
 PA Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., USA  
 SO PCT Int. Appl., 68 pp.  
 CODEN: PIXXD2  
 DT Patent  
 LA English  
 FAN.CNT 1

	PATENT NO.	KIND	DATE	APPLICATION NO.	DATE
PI	WO 9957292	A1	19991111	WO 1999-US9925	19990505
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	AU 9937888	A1	19991123	AU 1999-37888	19990505
	EP 1075531	A1	20010214	EP 1999-920375	19990505
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	NO 2000005585	A	20010105	NO 2000-5585	20001106
PRAI	US 1998-84648		19980507		
	US 1998-86555		19980521		
	WO 1999-US9925		19990505		
AB	The present invention is based upon the identification and sequencing of genomic DNA upstream of the coding region of the human interferon-.alpha.2 (IFNA2) gene. This DNA can be used, for example, in a DNA construct that alters (e.g., increases) expression of an endogenous IFNA2 gene in a mammalian cell upon integration into the genome of the cell via homologous recombination.				

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ALL CITATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE RE FORMAT

L56 ANSWER 6 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS  
 AN 1999:723190 HCAPLUS  
 DN 131:347492  
 TI Genomic sequences upstream of the coding region of the G-CSF gene for protein production and delivery  
 IN Treco, Douglas A.; Heartlein, Michael W.; Selden, Richard F.  
 PA Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., USA  
 SO PCT Int. Appl., 58 pp.  
 CODEN: PIXXD2  
 DT Patent  
 LA English  
 FAN.CNT 1

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PI	WO 9957291	A1	19991111	WO 1999-US9924	19990505

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AU 9937887 A1 19991123 AU 1999-37887 19990505

EP 1075530 A1 20010214 EP 1999-920374 19990505

R: AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IT, LI, LU, NL, SE, MC, PT, IE, FI

NO 2000005586 A 20010103 NO 2000-5586 20001106

PRAI US 1998-84649 19980507

WO 1999-US9924 19990505

AB The present invention is based upon the identification and sequencing of genomic DNA upstream of the coding region of the human granulocyte colony-stimulating factor (G-CSF) gene. This DNA can be used, for example, in a DNA construct that alters (e.g., increases) expression of an endogenous G-CSF gene in a mammalian cell upon integration into the genome of the cell via homologous recombination.

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(3) Kershaw, J; no publication given 1996

L56 ANSWER 7 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 1999:723162 HCAPLUS

DN 131:332968

TI sequence and modification of expression of human FSH beta gene by homologous recombination and therapeutic implications for reproductive disorders

IN Treco, Douglas A.; Heartlein, Michael W.; Selden, Richard F.

PA Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., USA

SO PCT Int. Appl., 70 pp.

CODEN: PIXXD2

DT Patent

LA English

FAN.CNT 1

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	NO 2000005587	A	20010103	NO 2000-5587	20001106
PRAI	US 1998-84663		19980507		
	WO 1999-US9795		19990505		

AB An isolated nucleic acid mol. that hybridizes under stringent conditions, or shares at least 80 % sequence identity, with a defined genomic region upstream of the coding region of a FSH.beta. gene, and a DNA construct contg. that nucleic acid mol. as a targeting sequence for homologous

recombination. FSH is a gonadotrophin which plays an essential role in the maintenance and development of oocytes and spermatozoa in normal reproductive physiol. This method is aimed at altering gene expression in a mammalian cell by targeting a regulatory sequence or exon or splice site or intron or CAP site for inactivation by recombination. Effective delivery methods of FSH.beta. to cells are described where cells secrete FSH.beta.. This method likewise has applications for gene therapy for reproductive disorders.

RE.CNT 6

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L56 ANSWER 8 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 1999:708908 HCAPLUS

DN 131:318576

TI Delivery of **Factor VIII**, Factor IX, or other therapeutic proteins via implantation of genetically modified cells in the omentum, and uses thereof in the treatment of coagulation and thrombosis disorders

IN Lamsa, Justin Chase; Treco, Douglas A.

PA Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., USA

SO PCT Int. Appl., 55 pp.

CODEN: PIXXD2

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FAN.CNT 1

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	EP 1071768	A1	20010131	EP 1999-916683	19990416
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PRAI US 1998-82982 19980424

WO 1999-US8266 19990416

AB The invention provides a method of expressing therapeutic proteins, such as clotting factors, in a mammal by introducing a genetically modified cell into the omentum. The method of the invention allows for long-term systemic delivery of a protein of interest to a mammal for the prevention or treatment of disorders assocd. with coagulation and thrombosis. Preferably, the protein of interest is a **Factor VIII** or IX clotting factor, and thus, the invention provides methods and means for treating/preventing hemophilia.

IT 9001-27-8P, **Factor VIII**

RL: BPN (Biosynthetic preparation); THU (Therapeutic use); BIOL

(Biological study); PREP (Preparation); USES (Uses)

(delivery of **Factor VIII**, Factor IX, or other therapeutic proteins via implantation of genetically modified cells in the omentum, and uses thereof in the treatment of coagulation and thrombosis disorders)

RE.CNT 7

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L56 ANSWER 9 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 1998:207287 HCAPLUS

DN 128:279556

TI Formation of high-level expression cassettes by directed integration of transforming DNA and the manufacture of therapeutic proteins

IN Treco, Douglas A.; Heartlein, Michael W.; Hauge, Brian M.; Selden, Richard F.

PA Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., USA

SO U.S., 50 pp. Cont.-in-part of U.S. 5,641,670.

CODEN: USXXAM

DT Patent

LA English

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	PATENT NO.	KIND	DATE	APPLICATION NO.	DATE
PI	US 5733746	A	19980331	US 1995-406030	19950317
	EP 750044	A2	19961227	EP 1996-202037	19921105
	EP 750044	A3	19970115		
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	US 6063630	A	20000516	US 1994-231439	19940420
	US 5641670	A	19970624	US 1994-243391	19940513
	US 6187305	B1	20010213	US 1995-446921	19950518
	US 6048524	A	20000411	US 1995-446909	19950522
	US 6048724	A	20000411	US 1995-446911	19950522
	CA 2215618	AA	19960926	CA 1996-2215618	19960312
	WO 9629411	A1	19960926	WO 1996-US3377	19960312
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	AU 9653625	A1	19961008	AU 1996-53625	19960312
	AU 725832	B2	20001019		
	EP 815232	A1	19980107	EP 1996-910432	19960312
	R: DE, FR, GB				
	JP 11502122	T2	19990223	JP 1996-528475	19960312
	ZA 9602116	A	19961003	ZA 1996-2116	19960315
PRAI	US 1991-787840		19911105		
	US 1991-789188		19911105		
	US 1992-911533		19920710		
	US 1992-985586		19921203		
	US 1994-243391		19940513		
	EP 1992-924367		19921105		
	US 1994-231439		19940420		
	US 1994-334455		19941104		
	US 1995-406030		19950317		
	WO 1996-US3377		19960312		
AB	A method for achieving high level expression of therapeutically useful genes by directed integration of transforming DNA that increases the level of expression of the endogenous gene is described. The transforming DNA is a targeting construct that includes least: a targeting sequence; a regulatory sequence; an exon; and a splice-donor site. Integration of the transforming DNA by homologous recombination at the desired site leads to formation a an expression construct with a strong promoter and 5'-intron/exon construct that leads to efficient expression and and processing of the gene product. The transforming DNA may also contain a selectable marker that may be an amplifiable gene such as the				

dihydrofolate reductase gene. The method is particularly intended for proteins of known therapeutic use: thrombopoietin, DNase I, or .beta.-interferon.

L56 ANSWER 10 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS  
 AN 1998:183999 HCAPLUS  
 DN 128:239483  
 TI Gene and enzyme replacement therapy for .alpha.-galactosidase A deficiency  
 IN **Selden, Richard F.**; Borowski, Marianne; Gillespie, Frances P.; Kinoshita, Carol M.; **Treco, Douglas A.**; Williams, Melanie D.  
 PA Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., USA; Selden, Richard F.; Borowski, Marianne; Gillespie, Frances P.; Kinoshita, Carol M.; Treco, Douglas A.; Williams, Melanie D.  
 SO PCT Int. Appl., 78 pp.  
 CODEN: PIXXD2  
 DT Patent  
 LA English  
 FAN.CNT 1

	PATENT NO.	KIND	DATE	APPLICATION NO.	DATE
PI	WO 9811206	A2	19980319	WO 1997-US16603	19970912
	W: AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CU, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, GB, GE, GH, HU, IL, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, UA, UG, US, UZ, VN, YU, ZW, AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM				
	RW: GH, KE, LS, MW, SD, SZ, UG, ZW, AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE, BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG				
	AU 9744244	A1	19980402	AU 1997-44244	19970912
	EP 935651	A2	19990818	EP 1997-942567	19970912
	R: AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IT, LI, LU, NL, SE, MC, PT, IE, FI				
	CN 1230220	A	19990929	CN 1997-197909	19970912
	NO 9901225	A	19990510	NO 1999-1225	19990312
PRAI	US 1996-712614		19960913		
	WO 1997-US16603		19970912		

AB A therapeutic method is provided whereby an individual suspected of having an .alpha.-galactosidase A (.alpha.-gal A) deficiency, such as Fabry disease, is treated either with (1) human cells that have been genetically modified to overexpress and secrete human .alpha.-gal A, or (2) purified human .alpha.-gal A obtained from cultured, genetically modified human cells. Expressing a DNA encoding human .alpha.-gal A in cultured human cells produces a polypeptide that is glycosylated appropriately, so that it is not only enzymically active and capable of acting on the glycosphingolipid substrate which accumulates in Fabry disease, but is also efficiently internalized by cells via cell surface receptors which target it exactly to where it is needed in this disease. Two expression plasmids, pXAG-16 and pXAG-28, were constructed. These plasmids contain human .alpha.-gal A cDNA encoding the 398 amino acids of the .alpha.-gal A enzyme (without its signal peptide); the human growth hormone (hGH) signal peptide genomic DNA sequence, which is interrupted by the first intron of the hGH gene; and the 3'-untranslated sequence (UTS) of the hGH gene, which contains a signal for polyadenylation. Plasmid pXAG-16 has the human cytomegalovirus immediate-early promoter and first intron (flanked by noncoding exon sequences), whereas pXAG-28 is driven by the collagen I.alpha.2 promoter and also contains the .beta.-actin gene's 5'-UTS, which contains the first intron of the .beta.-actin gene. Expression by fibroblasts stably transfected with pXAG-16 or pXAG-28, using the hGH signal peptide, was substantially higher than that in transfected fibroblasts using the homologous .alpha.-gal A signal peptide. Recombinant .alpha.-gal A could be purified by Butyl-Sepharose hydrophobic interaction chromatog., heparin-Sepharose chromatog., hydroxylapatite chromatog., Q Sepharose HP anion-exchange chromatog., and Superdex-200 gel filtration chromatog. Purified .alpha.-Gal A activity was stable over a 3-mo period when the pH of the formulation was <6.5.

L56 ANSWER 11 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS  
 AN 1997:425951 HCAPLUS  
 DN 127:91349  
 TI Protein production and protein delivery  
 IN Treco, Douglas A.; Heartlein, Michael W.; Selden, Richard F.  
 PA Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., USA  
 SO U.S., 50 pp. Cont.-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 985,586, abandoned.  
 CODEN: USXXAM  
 DT Patent  
 LA English  
 FAN.CNT 8

	PATENT NO.	KIND	DATE	APPLICATION NO.	DATE
PI	US 5641670	A	19970624	US 1994-243391	19940513
	EP 750044	A2	19961227	EP 1996-202037	19921105
	EP 750044	A3	19970115		
	R: AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LI, LU, MC, NL, SE				
	US 6063630	A	20000516	US 1994-231439	19940420
	CN 1119545	A	19960403	CN 1994-107587	19940602
	US 5733746	A	19980331	US 1995-406030	19950317
	CA 2190289	AA	19951123	CA 1995-2190289	19950511
	WO 9531560	A1	19951123	WO 1995-US6045	19950511
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	AU 9525504	A1	19951205	AU 1995-25504	19950511
	AU 709058	B2	19990819		
	EP 759082	A1	19970226	EP 1995-919831	19950511
	R: AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LI, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE				
	BR 9507874	A	19970819	BR 1995-7874	19950511
	HU 76844	A2	19971128	HU 1996-3144	19950511
	JP 10500570	T2	19980120	JP 1995-529826	19950511
	ZA 9503879	A	19960118	ZA 1995-3879	19950512
	US 6187305	B1	20010213	US 1995-446921	19950518
	US 6048524	A	20000411	US 1995-446909	19950522
	US 6048724	A	20000411	US 1995-446911	19950522
	US 5733761	A	19980331	US 1995-451893	19950526
	US 5968502	A	19991019	US 1995-451894	19950526
	FI 9604536	A	19970109	FI 1996-4536	19961112
	NO 9604802	A	19970109	NO 1996-4802	19961112
PRAI	US 1991-787840		19911105		
	US 1991-789188		19911105		
	US 1992-911533		19920710		
	US 1992-985586		19921203		
	EP 1992-924367		19921105		
	US 1994-231439		19940420		
	US 1994-243391		19940513		
	US 1994-334455		19941104		
	WO 1995-US6045		19950511		
AB	The invention relates to constructs comprising: a) a targeting sequence; b) a regulatory sequence; c) an exon; and d) an unpaired splice-donor site. The invention further relates to a method of producing protein in vitro or in vivo comprising the homologous recombination of a construct as described above within a cell. The homologously recombinant cell is then maintained under conditions which will permit transcription and translation, resulting in protein expression. The present invention further relates to homologously recombinant cells, including primary, secondary, or immortalized vertebrate cells, methods of making the cells, methods of homologous recombination to produce fusion genes, methods of altering gene expression in the cells, and methods of making a protein in				

a cell employing the constructs of the invention.

L56 ANSWER 12 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 1997:173241 HCAPLUS

DN 126:250004

TI Lipoxygenase metabolism is required for interleukin-3 dependent proliferation and cell cycle progression of the human M-07e cell line

AU **Miller, Alan M.**; Allen, Beverly Steele; Ziboh, Vincent

CS Tulane Cancer Center, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, 70112, USA

SO J. Cell. Physiol. (1997), 170(3), 309-315

CODEN: JCLLAX; ISSN: 0021-9541

PB Wiley-Liss

DT Journal

LA English

AB The cell line M-07e requires either interleukin-3 (IL-3) or granulocyte-macrophage colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF) for proliferation in vitro. Cells deprived of growth factor for up to 48 h remain viable but no longer divide. The growth-factor-deprived M-07e cells begin to divide within 48 h of reexposure to IL-3. Flow cytometric anal. of M-07e cells labeled with hypotonic propidium iodide demonstrates that the percentage of cells undergoing DNA synthesis decreases from 24%, in a log phase population of IL-3 stimulated cells, to 1% when cells are deprived of IL-3 for 24 h. IL-3-deprived cells accumulate predominantly in a flow cytometry peak representative of G0/G1. DNA synthetic activity, as detd. by tritiated thymidine uptake and flow cytometry, resumes between 12 and 18 h after reexposure to IL-3, reaching a peak of up to 40% by 24 h and returning to log phase levels by 72 h. Prior to initiation of DNA synthesis, increases are seen in mRNA levels for 5-lipoxygenase-activating protein (FLAP). Following reexposure to IL-3, a rapid time-dependent biosynthesis of leukotriene D4 (LTD4) is induced by M-07e cells. When IL-3 is added in the presence of any of three lipoxygenase inhibitors tested (Piriprost, caffeic acid, nordihydroguaiaretic acid) or FLAP inhibitor, MK-886, there is dose-dependent inhibition of the resumption of proliferation and of DNA synthesis. Flow cytometric cell cycle anal. demonstrates that the inhibited cells remain in the G0/G1 population and do not progress through the cell cycle. These results are consistent with the authors previous observation that an intact lipoxygenase pathway is necessary for hematopoietic growth-factor-stimulated colony formation of normal bone marrow myeloid progenitors and suggest that the induction of a lipoxygenase metabolite or metabolites is necessary for myeloid cells to progress through the cell cycle when stimulated by a hematopoietic growth factor.

L56 ANSWER 13 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 1996:721777 HCAPLUS

DN 126:2480

TI Thrombopoietin, DNase I, or .beta.-interferon gene therapy, targeting sequences for homologous recombination, and treatment of platelet disorder, cystic fibrosis, or multiple sclerosis

IN **Treco, Douglas A.**; Heartlein, Michael W.; Hauge, Brian M.; **Selden, Richard F.**

PA Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., USA

SO PCT Int. Appl., 114 pp.

CODEN: PIXXD2

DT Patent

LA English

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PATENT NO.	KIND	DATE	APPLICATION NO.	DATE
WO 9629411	A1	19960926	WO 1996-US3377	19960312
W:	AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BB, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, GB, GE, HU, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI			
RW:	KE, LS, MW, SD, SZ, UG, AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR,			



IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE, BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN

US 5733746	A	19980331	US 1995-406030	19950317
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US 1991-787840		19911105		
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US 1992-911533		19920710		
US 1992-985586		19921203		
US 1994-243391		19940513		
WO 1996-US3377		19960312		

AB The invention relates to novel human DNA sequences, targeting constructs, and methods for producing novel genes encoding thrombopoietin DNase I and .beta.-interferon by homologous recombination. The targeting constructs comprise at least: (a) a targeting sequence; (b) a regulatory sequence; (c) an exon; and (d) a splice-donor site. The targeting constructs, which can undergo homologous recombination with endogenous cellular sequences to generate a novel gene, are introduced into cells to produce homologously recombinant cells. The homologously recombinant cells are then maintained under conditions which will permit transcription of the novel gene and translation of the mRNA produced, resulting in prodn. of either thrombopoietin, DNase I, or .beta.-interferon. The invention further relates to methods of producing pharmaceutically useful preps. contg. thrombopoietin, DNase I or .beta.-interferon from homologously recombinant cells and methods of gene therapy comprising administering homologously recombinant cells producing thrombopoietin, DNase I, or .beta.pinterferon to a patient for therapeutic prospects.

L56 ANSWER 14 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 1996:58252 HCAPLUS

DN 124:78726

TI DNA construct for effecting homologous recombination and uses for recombinant protein production

IN Treco, Douglas A.; Heartlein, Michael W.; Selden, Richard F.

PA Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., USA

SO PCT Int. Appl., 147 pp.

CODEN: PIXXD2

DT Patent

LA English

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	RW: KE, MW, SD, SZ, UG, AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE, BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG				
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	CN 1119545	A	19960403	CN 1994-107587	19940602
	AU 9525504	A1	19951205	AU 1995-25504	19950511
	AU 709058	B2	19990819		
	EP 759082	A1	19970226	EP 1995-919831	19950511
	R: AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LI, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE				
	BR 9507874	A	19970819	BR 1995-7874	19950511
	JP 10500570	T2	19980120	JP 1995-529826	19950511
	FI 9604536	A	19970109	FI 1996-4536	19961112
	NO 9604802	A	19970109	NO 1996-4802	19961112
PRAI	US 1994-243391		19940513		
	US 1991-787840		19911105		

US 1991-789188 19911105  
US 1992-911533 19920710  
US 1992-985586 19921203  
WO 1995-US6045 19950511

AB The invention relates to constructs comprising: a) a targeting sequence; b) a regulatory sequence; c) an exon; and d) an unpaired splice-donor site. The invention further relates to a method of producing protein in vitro or in vivo comprising the homologous recombination of a construct as described above within the cell. The homologously recombinant cell is then maintained under conditions which will permit transcription and translation, resulting in protein expression. The present invention further relates to homologously recombinant cells, including primary, secondary, or immortalized vertebrate cells, methods of making the cells, methods of homologous recombination to produce fusion genes, methods of altering gene expression in the cells, and methods of making a protein in a cell employing the constructs of the invention.

L56 ANSWER 15 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 1996:7631 HCAPLUS

DN 124:105277

TI Non-viral gene therapy

AU **Treco, Douglas A; Selden, Richard F**

CS TKT Incorporated, Cambridge, MA, 02139, USA

SO Mol. Med. Today (1995), 1(7), 314-21

CODEN: MMTOKF; ISSN: 1357-4310

DT Journal; General Review

LA English

AB A review with 39 refs. Gene therapy is a medical/surgical intervention currently being developed, in which genes are introduced into cells in order to treat or cure a wide variety of human diseases. The field has evolved over the past four decades, with most exptl. gene-therapy studies based on the use of viruses to deliver the genes of therapeutic interest. More recently, a large no. of non-viral approaches to gene therapy have emerged, yielding promising pre-clin. results, and which are currently being evaluated in early stage clin. trials.

L56 ANSWER 16 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 1995:534392 HCAPLUS

DN 122:281145

TI Fibroblast cell biology and gene therapy

AU **Treco, Douglas A.; Heartlein, Michael W.; Selden, Richard F**

CS Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., Cambridge, MA, USA

SO Somatic Gene Ther. (1995), 49-60. Editor(s): Chang, Patricia L.

Publisher: CRC, Boca Raton, Fla.

CODEN: 61EAAZ

DT Conference; General Review

LA English

AB A review with 52 refs. In vitro approaches to fibroblast engineering and gene therapy are considered.

L56 ANSWER 17 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 1994:693220 HCAPLUS

DN 121:293220

TI Long-term production and delivery of human growth hormone in vivo

AU Heartlein, Michael W.; Roman, Victoria A.; Jiang, Ji-Lei; Sellers, Joan W.; Zuliani, Antoinette M.; **Treco, Douglas A.; Selden, Richard F.**

CS TKT, Inc., Cambridge, MA, 02139, USA

SO Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A. (1994), 91(23), 10967-71

CODEN: PNASA6; ISSN: 0027-8424

DT Journal

LA English

AB The application of somatic cell gene therapy to large patient populations will require the development of safe and practical approaches to the generation and characterization of genetically manipulated cells.

Transkaryotic implantation is a gene therapy system based on the prodn. of clonal strains of engineered primary and secondary cells, using nonviral methods. We demonstrate here that, on implantation, these clonal cell strains stably and reproducibly deliver pharmacol. quantities of protein for the lifetime of the exptl. animals.

L56 ANSWER 18 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 1994:527071 HCAPLUS

DN 121:127071

TI Activating expression of an amplifying endogenous gene by homologous recombination

IN Treco, Douglas A.; Heartlein, Michael W.; Selden, Richard F.

PA Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., USA

SO PCT Int. Appl., 93 pp.

CODEN: PIXXD2

DT Patent

LA English

FAN.CNT 8

	PATENT NO.	KIND	DATE	APPLICATION NO.	DATE
PI	WO 9412650	A2	19940609	WO 1993-US11704	19931202
	WO 9412650	A3	19940804		
	W: AU, CA, JP, KR, NZ				
	RW: AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE				
	CA 2151032	AA	19940609	CA 1993-2151032	19931202
	AU 9457362	A1	19940622	AU 1994-57362	19931202
	AU 689455	B2	19980402		
	EP 672160	A1	19950920	EP 1994-903405	19931202
	R: AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LI, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE				
	AU 9858401	A1	19980604	AU 1998-58401	19980312
	AU 726446	B2	20001109		
PRAI	US 1992-985586		19921203		
	WO 1993-US11704		19931202		

AB A method method is described for activating expression of and amplifying an endogenous gene in genomic DNA of a vertebrate cell which is not expressed in the cell as obtained or is not expressed at significant levels in the cell as obtained. The method includes transfecting cells with DNA sequences comprising (1) exogenous DNA sequences which repair, alter, delete, or replace a sequence present in the cell or which are regulatory sequences not normally functionally linked to the endogenous gene in the cell as obtained, (2) DNA sequences homologous with genomic DNA sequences at a preselected site in the cells, and (3) amplifiable DNA encoding a selectable marker. The cells are maintained under conditions appropriate for homologous recombination to occur between DNA sequences homologous with genomic DNA sequences and genomic DNA sequences. The homologously recombinant cells are cultured under conditions which select from amplification of the amplifiable DNA encoding a selectable marker, whereby the amplifiable DNA encoding a selectable marker and the endogenous gene functionally linked to exogenous DNA are coamplified. Thus, the method activates expression of endogenous cellular genes and further allows amplification of the activated endogenous cellular genes but does not require in vitro manipulation and transfection of exogenous DNA encoding proteins of therapeutic interest. Homologous recombination can also be used to convert a gene into a cDNA copy (devoid of introns) which can then be transferred into yeast, bacteria, or mammalian cells for in vitro protein prodn. Transfected primary, secondary, and immortalized cells were transfected by homologous recombination to activate endogenous genes in ways desirable for in vitro protein prodn. (e.g., pharmaceuticals) or in vivo protein delivery methods (e.g., gene therapy). Two strategies are presented in detail for transcriptionally activating the hEPO gene.

L56 ANSWER 19 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 1994:236973 HCAPLUS

DN 120:236973

- TI Hematopoietic growth factor induction of gamma-glutamyl transferase in the KG-I myeloid cell line
- AU **Miller, Alan M.**; Sandler, Eric; Kobb, Steven M.; Eastgate, Julie; Zucali, James
- CS Div. Med. Oncol., Coll. Med., Gainesville, FL, USA
- SO Exp. Hematol. (Charlottesville, Va.) (1993), 21(1), 9-15  
CODEN: EXHMA6; ISSN: 0301-472X
- DT Journal
- LA English
- AB The ability of hematopoietic growth factors (HGF) to induce gamma-glutamyl transferase (GGT) enzyme activity and mRNA content was examd. in a HGF-responsive cell line (KG-1). Incubation of KG-1 with recombinant human cytokines interleukin-1.beta. (IL-1.beta.), interleukin-3 (IL-3), granulocyte-macrophage CSF (GM-CSF), and tumor necrosis factor (TNF), but not interleukin-6 (IL-6), granulocyte CSF (G-CSF) or monocyte CSF (M-CSF), results in significant increases in GGT enzyme activity. The increases in GGT activity are both dose- and time-dependent. In response to IL-1, increases in enzyme activity are seen by 6 h and activity is maximal by 24 h. GGT mRNA increases also occur and peak by 3-6 h. Apparently, induction of increases in GGT mRNA levels and enzyme activity occur in myeloid cells in response to HGFs. This induction, together with the requirement for LTD4 for normal granulopoiesis, supports a role for GGT in the cellular events occurring in myeloid cells in response to HGFs.
- L56 ANSWER 20 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS
- AN 1993:574980 HCAPLUS
- DN 119:174980
- TI Recombination walking: Genetic selection of clones from pooled libraries of yeast artificial chromosomes by homologous recombination
- AU **Miller, Allan M.**; Savinelli, Elizabeth A.; Couture, Sandra M.; Hannigan, Gene M.; Han, Zhiyi; **Selden, Richard F.**; Treco, Douglas A.
- CS Transkaryotic Ther., Inc., Cambridge, MA, 02139, USA
- SO Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A. (1993), 90(17), 8118-22  
CODEN: PNASA6; ISSN: 0027-8424
- DT Journal
- LA English
- AB Recombination walking is based on the genetic selection of specific human clones from a yeast artificial chromosome (YAC) library by homologous recombination. The desired clone is selected from a pooled (unordered) YAC library, eliminating labor-intensive steps typically used in organizing and maintaining ordered YAC libraries. Recombination walking represents an efficient approach to library screening and is well suited for chromosome-walking approaches to the isolation of genes assocd. with common diseases.
- L56 ANSWER 21 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS
- AN 1993:532007 HCAPLUS
- DN 119:132007
- TI Adaptation to supraphysiologic levels of insulin gene expression in transgenic mice: Evidence for the importance of posttranscriptional regulation
- AU Schnetzler, Bruno; Murakawa, George; Abalos, Deborah; Halban, Philippe; **Selden, Richard**
- CS Lab. Rech. Louis Jeantet, Cent. Med. Univ., Geneva, 1211, Switz.
- SO J. Clin. Invest. (1993), 92(1), 272-80  
CODEN: JCINAO; ISSN: 0021-9738
- DT Journal
- LA English
- AB Insulin prodn. was studied in transgenic mice expressing the human insulin gene under the control of its own promoter. Glucose homeostasis during a 48-h fast was similar in control and transgenic mice, with comparable levels of serum immunoreactive insulin. Northern blot and primer extension anal. indicated that more than twice as much insulin mRNA is present in pancreata from transgenic mice. Primer

extension anal. using oligonucleotides specific for mouse insulins I and II or for human insulin, showed that the excess insulin mRNA was due solely to expression of the foreign, human insulin gene. The ratio of mRNA for mouse insulin I and II was unaffected by coexpression of human insulin. There were coordinate changes in the levels of all three mRNA during the 48-h fast, or after a 24-h fast followed by 24-h refeed. Despite the supraphysiol. levels of insulin mRNA in the transgenic mice, their pancreatic content of immunoreactive insulin was not different from controls. The comparison of the relative levels of human and mouse insulin mRNAs with their peptide counterparts (sepd. by HPLC) indicates that the efficiency of insulin prodn. from mouse insulin mRNA is greater than that from human, stressing the importance of posttranscriptional regulatory events in the overall maintenance of pancreatic insulin content.

L56 ANSWER 22 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 1993:442724 HCAPLUS

DN 119:42724

TI Transgenic vertebrate cells producing therapeutic product and their use in gene therapy

IN Selden, Richard F.; Heartlein, Michael W.; Treco, Douglas A.

PA Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., USA

SO PCT Int. Appl., 151 pp.

CODEN: PIXXD2

DT Patent

LA English

FAN.CNT 8

	PATENT NO.	KIND	DATE	APPLICATION NO.	DATE
PI	WO 9309222	A2	19930513	WO 1992-US9627	19921105
	WO 9309222	A3	19931028		
	W: AU, CA, JP, KR				
	RW: AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, SE				
	AU 9230698	A1	19930607	AU 1992-30698	19921105
	AU 669499	B2	19960613		
	JP 07500969	T2	19950202	JP 1992-508767	19921105
	EP 649464	A1	19950426	EP 1992-924367	19921105
	EP 649464	B1	19970723		
	R: AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LI, LU, MC, NL, SE				
	EP 750044	A2	19961227	EP 1996-202037	19921105
	EP 750044	A3	19970115		
	R: AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LI, LU, MC, NL, SE				
	AT 155810	E	19970815	AT 1992-924367	19921105
	ES 2106891	T3	19971116	ES 1992-924367	19921105
	US 6063630	A	20000516	US 1994-231439	19940420
	US 5994127	A	19991130	US 1994-334455	19941104
	US 6187305	B1	20010213	US 1995-446921	19950518
	US 6048524	A	20000411	US 1995-446909	19950522
	US 6048724	A	20000411	US 1995-446911	19950522
	AU 9665631	A1	19961128	AU 1996-65631	19960913
	AU 710255	B2	19990916		
PRAI	US 1991-787840		19911105		
	US 1991-789188		19911105		
	US 1992-911533		19920710		
	EP 1992-924367		19921105		
	WO 1992-US9627		19921105		
	US 1994-231439		19940420		
	US 1994-334455		19941104		

AB Primary and secondary cells of vertebrates, esp. mammals, are transfected with exogenous DNA encoding a therapeutic product (e.g., erythropoietin, human growth hormone). The transgenic cells produce the encoded therapeutic product stably and reproducibly, both in vitro and in vivo, over extended periods of time. Addnl., the transgenic cells express the product in vivo at physiol. relevant levels; they are recoverable after implantation; and, the recovered cells, upon reculturing, grow and display

their preimplantation properties.

L56 ANSWER 23 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 1993:162446 HCAPLUS

DN 118:162446

TI Screening of DNA libraries in eukaryotic hosts using homologous recombination

IN Treco, Douglas A.; Miller, Allan M.

PA Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., USA

SO PCT Int. Appl., 126 pp.

CODEN: PIXXD2

DT Patent

LA English

FAN.CNT 2

	PATENT NO.	KIND	DATE	APPLICATION NO.	DATE
PI	WO 9303183	A1	19930218	WO 1991-US8679	19911121
	W: AU, CA, JP, KR				
	RW: AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IT, LU, NL, SE				
	AU 9212781	A1	19930302	AU 1992-12781	19911121
	EP 596885	A1	19940518	EP 1992-905456	19911121
	EP 596885	B1	19970903		
	R: AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IT, LI, LU, NL, SE				
	JP 06508983	T2	19941013	JP 1991-505202	19911121
	AT 157708	E	19970915	AT 1992-905456	19911121
	US 5580734	A	19961203	US 1994-301872	19940906
	US 5869239	A	19990209	US 1995-443372	19950517
	AU 9662112	A1	19961205	AU 1996-62112	19960815
	AU 693712	B2	19980702		
PRAI	US 1991-739861		19910802		
	US 1990-552183		19900713		
	WO 1991-US8679		19911121		
	US 1994-301872		19940906		
AB	A method of screening a DNA library in an eukaryotic host that makes use of homologous recombination between a probe carrying a selectable marker and a target sequence is described. The host carrying the library is transformed with a non-replicating DNA fragment carrying the target sequence flanking the selectable marker. After allowing homologous recombination to take place the bank is selected for cells retaining the selectable marker. The preferred host for this method is Saccharomyces cerevisiae or Schizosaccharomyces pombe. A no. of YAC vectors for this use are described. The use of the method to identify a no. of human genes in a YAC bank is described.				

L56 ANSWER 24 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 1992:122639 HCAPLUS

DN 116:122639

TI Homologous recombination method for identifying and isolating DNA fragments from DNA libraries in eukaryotic cells

IN Treco, Douglas A.; Miller, Allan M.

PA Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., USA

SO PCT Int. Appl., 77 pp.

CODEN: PIXXD2

DT Patent

LA English

FAN.CNT 2

	PATENT NO.	KIND	DATE	APPLICATION NO.	DATE
PI	WO 9201069	A1	19920123	WO 1991-US4926	19910712
	W: AU, CA, JP, KR				
	RW: AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IT, LU, NL, SE				
	CA 2086092	AA	19920114	CA 1991-2086092	19910712
	AU 9182991	A1	19920204	AU 1991-82991	19910712
	EP 539490	A1	19930505	EP 1991-913696	19910712
	EP 539490	B1	19951108		
	R: AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IT, LI, LU, NL, SE				

JP 05508547	T2	19931202	JP 1991-513075	19910712
AT 130049	E	19951115	AT 1991-913696	19910712
ES 2080957	T3	19960216	ES 1991-913696	19910712
US 5580734	A	19961203	US 1994-301872	19940906
US 5783385	A	19980721	US 1994-300919	19940906
US 5869239	A	19990209	US 1995-443372	19950517
AU 9644493	A1	19960620	AU 1996-44493	19960212
AU 689015	B2	19980319		

PRAI US 1990-552183 19900713  
 WO 1991-US4926 19910712  
 US 1991-739861 19910802  
 US 1994-301872 19940906

AB A method for selecting DNA fragments in an eukaryotic host by forced integration of a selectable marker into the sequence of interest is described. A DNA fragment carrying a selectable marker and a sequence long enough to direct homologous recombination to take place is introduced into the host carrying the bank. The bank is selected for stable transformants carrying the marker. This method is useful for chromosome walking and genetic mapping. It allows screening for many specific sequences simultaneously and storage of libraries as a pool of clones rather than as individuals; and it speeds up the library screening process. The method was illustrated using yeast ARG4- contg. DNA from human white blood cells on YACs carrying the selectable markers TRP1 and URA3. Targeting plasmid p184DLARG contg. the yeast ARG4 gene and a bacterial origin of replication was prepd. and a DNA fragment contg. the 5' flanking region of the .epsilon.-globin gene was inserted into it. Clones contg. the desired globin sequences were identified by growth on medium lacking uracil, tryptophan, and arginine.

L56 ANSWER 25 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS  
 AN 1990:546674 HCAPLUS  
 DN 113:146674  
 TI The human growth hormone transgene: expression in hemizygous and homozygous mice  
 AU Yun, Jeung S.; Li, Yunsheng; Wight, David C.; Portanova, Ronald; Selden, Richard F.; Wagner, Thomas E.  
 CS Coll. Osteopath. Med., Ohio Univ., Athens, OH, 45701, USA  
 SO Proc. Soc. Exp. Biol. Med. (1990), 194(4), 308-13  
 CODEN: PSEBAA; ISSN: 0037-9727  
 DT Journal  
 LA English  
 AB Female transgenic mice carrying the mouse metallothionein-1/human growth hormone (hGH) fusion gene are sterile. Transmission of the transgene has been limited to the male germ line, resulting in the prodn. of hemizygous (He) progeny contg. only a single (paternal) copy of the gene. Using ovary transfer, the authors developed procedures for producing homozygous (Ho) TG mice, viz., male TG mice were mated with control (non-TG) females carrying ovaries donated by female TG mice. In both He and Ho TG animals, serum levels of hGH were higher (1.5-fold) in males than in females, tended to decrease with age of the animal, and were increased (about 5-fold) by zinc induction. However, in comparison to He animals of the same sex, the Ho TG mice attained a greater body wt. and had more than 2-fold higher levels of liver hGH mRNA and serum hGH, both under basal conditions and in response to zinc induction. I.e., the expression of the transgene was qual. similar to He and Ho TG mice, but the level of transgene activity was greater in the Ho animals. Apparently, indicate that both copies (maternal and paternal) of the transgene were active and expressed additively (or cooperatively) in the Ho TG animal.

L56 ANSWER 26 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS  
 AN 1989:628806 HCAPLUS  
 DN 111:228806  
 TI Mating-type control in Saccharomyces cerevisiae: isolation and characterization of mutants defective in repression by  $\alpha$ 1- $\alpha$ 2  
 AU Harashima, Satoshi; Miller, Allan M.; Tanaka, Kazuma; Kusumoto, Kenichi; Tanaka, Kohichi; Mukai, Yukio; Nasmyth, Kim; Oshima, Yasuji

CS Fac. Eng., Osaka Univ., Suita, 565, Japan  
SO Mol. Cell. Biol. (1989), 9(10), 4523-30  
CODEN: MCEBD4; ISSN: 0270-7306  
DT Journal  
LA English  
AB The .alpha.2 protein, the product of the MAT.alpha.2 cistron, represses various genes specific to the a mating type (.alpha.2 repression), and when combined with MATa1 gene product, it represses MAT.alpha.1 and various haploid-specific genes (al-.alpha.2 repression). One target of al-.alpha.2 repression is RME1, which is a neg. regulator of a/.alpha.-specific genes. Thirteen recessive mutants were isolated whose al-.alpha.2 repression is defective but which retain .alpha.2 repression in a genetic background of ho MATa HML.alpha. HMRa sir3 or ho MAT.alpha. HMRa HMRa sir3. These mutations can be divided into 3 different classes. One class contains a missense mutation, designated hml.alpha.2-102, in the .alpha.2 cistron of HML, and another class contains 2 missense mutations, mat.alpha.2-201 and mat.alpha.2-202, in the MAT.alpha. locus. These 3 mutants each have an amino acid substitution of tyrosine or phenylalanine for cysteine at the 33rd codon from the translation initiation codon in the .alpha.2 cistron of HML.alpha. or MAT.alpha.. The remaining 10 mutants make up the 3rd class and form a single complementation group, having mutations designated aarl (al-.alpha.2 repression), at a gene other than MAT, HML, HMR, RME1, or the 4 SIR genes. Although a diploid cell homozygous for the aarl and sir3 mutations and for the MATa, HML.alpha., and HMRa alleles showed .alpha. mating type, it could sporulate and give rise to asci contg. 4 .alpha. mating-type spores. These facts indicate that the domain for .alpha.2 repression is separable from that for al-.alpha.2 protein interaction or complex formation in the .alpha.2 protein and that an addnl. regulatory gene, AAR1, is assocd. with the al-.alpha.2 repression of the .alpha.1 cistron and haploid-specific genes.

L56 ANSWER 27 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS  
AN 1989:451506 HCAPLUS  
DN 111:51506  
TI Glucocorticoid regulation of human growth hormone expression in transgenic mice and transiently transfected cells  
AU Selden, R. F.; Yun, J. S.; Moore, D. D.; Rowe, M. E.; Malia, M. A.; Wagner, T. E.; Goodman, H. M.  
CS Dep. Mol. Biol., Massachusetts Gen. Hosp., Boston, MA, 02114, USA  
SO J. Endocrinol. (1989), 122(1), 49-60  
CODEN: JOENAK; ISSN: 0022-0795  
DT Journal  
LA English  
AB A mouse metallothionein-I/human growth hormone fusion gene was microinjected into fertilized mouse eggs, the embryos were implanted into pseudopregnant foster mothers, and the offspring analyzed. Five of 26 mice born after 1 series of injections contained from 1 to 8 copies of the fusion gene stably integrated into their genomes and had human growth hormone in their serum. When several of these transgenic mice and transgenic offspring were treated with glucocorticoids, serum growth hormone levels were elevated 1.5-6.3-fold. A 4-fold induction in fusion gene mRNA in the liver of one of the 5 mice was also obsd. after treatment with glucocorticoids. When the fusion gene was transiently transfected into mouse L cells, dexamethasone caused a 3-4-fold induction of fusion gene mRNA and secreted human growth hormone. A deletion anal. of regulatory elements required for inducibility in L cells shows that DNA sequences responsible for the obsd. inductions are located within the transcribed region of the human growth hormone gene. However, a previously described glucocorticoid receptor binding site in the first intron of the gene is not required for response to the hormone.

L56 ANSWER 28 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS  
AN 1986:547447 HCAPLUS  
DN 105:147447  
TI Human growth hormone as a reporter gene in regulation studies employing



transient gene expression

AU **Selden, Richard F.**; Howie, Kathleen Burke; Rowe, Mary Ellen;  
Goodman, Howard M.; Moore, David D.  
CS Harvard Med. Sch., Massachusetts Gen. Hosp., Boston, MA, 02114, USA  
SO Mol. Cell. Biol. (1986), 6(9), 3173-9  
CODEN: MCEBD4; ISSN: 0270-7306  
DT Journal  
LA English  
AB The human growth hormone (hGH) [12629-01-5] transient assay system is based on the expression of hGH directed by cells transfected with hGH fusion genes. Levels of secreted hGH in the medium, measured by a simple RIA, are proportional to both levels of cytoplasmic hGH mRNA and the amt. of transfected DNA. The system is extremely sensitive, easy to perform, and is qual. different from other transient expression systems in that the medium is assayed and the cells themselves are not destroyed. The hGH transient assay system is appropriate for analyses of regulation of gene expression and was used to examine the effect of the SV40 virus enhancer on the herpes simplex virus thymidine kinase [9002-06-6] promoter and the effect of Zn on the mouse metallothionein-I promoter. The expression of hGH can also be used as an internal control to monitor transfection efficiency along with any other transient expression system. All cell types tests thus far (including AtT-20, CV-1, GC, GH4, JEG, L, and primary pituitary cells) were able to secrete hGH into the medium.

L56 ANSWER 29 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 1985:432910 HCAPLUS

DN 103:32910

TI Identification and comparison of two sequence elements that confer cell-type specific transcription in yeast

AU **Miller, Allan M.**; MacKay, Vivian L.; Nasmyth, Kim A.

CS Lab. Mol. Biol., MRC, Cambridge, MA, CB2 2QH, USA

SO Nature (London) (1985), 314(6012), 598-603

CODEN: NATUAS; ISSN: 0028-0836

DT Journal

LA English

AB DNA sequences were identified that are recognized by gene MAT.alpha.2 protein and gene MAT.alpha.2 protein-gene MAT.alpha.2 protein repression systems of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. The *al/.alpha.2* control of the *HO* gene was shown to be redundant; *gtoreq.2* control sites exist in the region -1777 to -296. A 20-base-pair control-sequence motif for the *al/.alpha.2* system was found in genes *MAT.alpha.*, *STE5*, and *HO*. A related, but distinct, sequence was found in genes repressed by the gene *MAT.alpha.2* protein alone. When either of these control sequences were attached to the gene *CYC1* promoter, gene *CYC1* expression was brought under cell type-specific control.

L56 ANSWER 30 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 1984:484810 HCAPLUS

DN 101:84810

TI The yeast *MAT.alpha.2* gene contains two introns

AU **Miller, A. M.**

CS Lab. Mol. Biol., Cambridge, CB2 2QH, UK

SO EMBO J. (1984), 3(5), 1061-5

CODEN: EMJODG; ISSN: 0261-4189

DT Journal

LA English

AB In *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, there are 2 mating types, *a* and *.alpha.*, which may mate to produce an *a/.alpha.* diploid. Mating type is detd. by the allele (*MAT.a* or *MAT.alpha.*) occupying the *MAT* locus. In a diploid, expression of the *MAT.a* and *MAT.alpha.2* genes detcs. the *a/.alpha.* state by regulating the expression of unlinked genes. Previous S1 endonuclease mapping implied that the *MAT.a* transcript is not processed. Further S1 mapping of this transcript showed that the *MAT.a* gene contains 2 introns, unlike any other characterized nuclear gene in yeast. Both introns contain 5' splice sites and 5'-TACTAAC-3' consensus sequences at the positions predicted by the S1 mapping data. In the splicing-defective

rna2 mutant, the mature message disappears rapidly, and the precursor RNA accumulates. The RNA processing removes the UGA stop codon which was previously believed to be read-through.

L56 ANSWER 31 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 1984:62613 HCAPLUS

DN 100:62613

TI Transfer RNA genes of Zea mays chloroplast DNA

AU **Selden, Richard F.**; Steinmetz, Andre; McIntosh, Lee; Bogorad, Lawrence; Burkard, Gerard; Mubumbila, Mfika; Kuntz, Marcel; Crouse, Edwin J.; Weil, Jacques H.

CS Biol. Lab., Harvard Univ., Cambridge, MA, USA

SO Plant Mol. Biol. (1983), 2(3), 141-53

CODEN: PMBIDB; ISSN: 0167-4412

DT Journal

LA English

AB A min. of 37 genes, corresponding to tRNAs for 17 different amino acids, were localized on the restriction endonuclease cleavage site map of the Z. mays chloroplast DNA mol. Of these, 14 genes, corresponding to tRNAs for 11 amino acids, are located in the larger of the 2 single-copy regions which sep. the 2 inverted copies of the repeat region. One tRNA gene is in the smaller single-copy region. Each copy of the large repeated sequence contains, in addn. to the rRNA genes, 11 tRNA genes corresponding to tRNAs for 8 amino acids. The genes for tRNA<sup>2Ile</sup> and tRNA<sup>AAla</sup> map in the ribosomal spacer sequence sepg. the 16 S and 23 S rRNA genes. The 3 isoaccepting species for the tRNAs<sup>Leu</sup> and the 3 for tRNAs<sup>Ser</sup>, as well as the 2 isoaccepting species for tRNA<sup>Asn</sup>, tRNA<sup>Gly</sup>, tRNAs<sup>Ile</sup>, tRNAs<sup>Met</sup>, and tRNAs<sup>Thr</sup>, are encoded at different loci. Two independent methods were used for the localization of tRNA genes on the phys. map of the maize chloroplast DNA mol.: (1) cloned chloroplast DNA fragments were hybridized with radioactively labeled total 4 S RNAs, and the hybridized RNAs were then eluted and identified by 2-dimensional polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, and (2) individual tRNAs were 32P-labeled in vitro and hybridized to DNA fragments generated by digestion of maize chloroplast DNA with various restriction endonucleases.

L56 ANSWER 32 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 1984:46090 HCAPLUS

DN 100:46090

TI Gene mapping studies and sequence determination of chloroplast tRNAs from various photosynthetic organisms

AU Weil, J. H.; Mubumbila, M.; Kuntz, M.; Keller, M.; Steinmetz, A.; Crouse, E. J.; Burkard, G.; Guillemaut, P.; **Selden, R.**; et al.

CS Inst. Mol. Cell. Biol., Natl. Cent. Sci. Res., Strasbourg, Fr.

SO Mol. Biol. (Moscow) (1983), 17(6), 1147-53

CODEN: MOBIBO; ISSN: 0026-8984

DT Journal; General Review

LA Russian

AB A review with 22 refs.

L56 ANSWER 33 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS

AN 1984:30286 HCAPLUS

DN 100:30286

TI Comparative studies on tRNAs and aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases from various photosynthetic organisms

AU Weil, J. H.; Mubumbila, M.; Kuntz, M.; Keller, M.; Crouse, E. J.; Burkard, G.; Guillemaut, P.; **Selden, R.**; McIntosh, L.; et al.

CS IBMC, Strasbourg, Fr.

SO NATO Adv. Sci. Inst. Ser., Ser. A (1983), 63(Struct. Funct. Plant Genomes), 167-80

CODEN: NALSDJ

DT Journal; General Review

LA English

AB A review with 31 refs., with special emphasis on the mapping of tRNA genes on the chloroplast DNA of various photosynthetic organisms.

- L56 ANSWER 34 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS  
AN 1983:138223 HCAPLUS  
DN 98:138223  
TI Gene mapping studies and sequence determination on chloroplast transfer RNAs from various photosynthetic organisms  
AU Weil, J. H.; Mubumbila, M.; Kuntz, M.; Keller, M.; Steinmetz, A.; Crouse, E. J.; Burkard, G.; Guillemaut, P.; Selden, R.; et al.  
CS IBMC, Strasbourg, Fr.  
SO Prog. Clin. Biol. Res. (1982), 102(Cell Funct. Differ., Pt. B), 321-31  
CODEN: PCBRD2; ISSN: 0361-7742  
DT Journal; General Review  
LA English  
AB A review with 20 refs. on chloroplast tRNA genes and genetic map assignments in Zea mays, Phaseolus vulgaris, Euglena gracilis, and Cyanophora paradoxa.
- L56 ANSWER 35 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS  
AN 1983:120438 HCAPLUS  
DN 98:120438  
TI The ribosomal gene nontranscribed spacer  
AU Treco, Douglas; Brownell, Elise; Arnheim, Norman  
CS Dep. Biochem., State Univ. New York, Stony Brook, NY, 11794, USA  
SO Cell Nucl. (1982), Volume 12, Issue rDNA, Pt. C, 101-26. Editor(s): Busch, Harris; Rothblum, Lawrence. Publisher: Academic, New York, N. Y.  
CODEN: 29DFAN  
DT Conference; General Review  
LA English  
AB A review with 138 refs.
- L56 ANSWER 36 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS  
AN 1982:521301 HCAPLUS  
DN 97:121301  
TI Distribution of ribosomal gene length variants among mouse chromosomes  
AU Arnheim, Norman; Treco, Douglas; Taylor, Benjamin; Eicher, Eva M.  
CS Biochem. Dep., State Univ. New York, Stony Brook, NY, 11794, USA  
SO Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A. (1982), 79(15), 4677-80  
CODEN: PNASA6; ISSN: 0027-8424  
DT Journal  
LA English  
AB The ribosomal genes (rDNA) in mouse inbred strains have a multichromosomal distribution. Using a structural feature of rDNA [variable length rDNA segment (VrDNA)] that shows length polymorphism within and among inbred strains, the chromosomal distribution of the variant ribosomal gene types were studied by genetic anal. Five of the length variant classes can be divided into 3 discrete linkage groups. The variants present on a particular chromosome pair appear to be unique to that pair and absent from nonhomologous chromosomes. The chromosomal location of particular variants appears to be the same in 2 unrelated inbred strains suggesting that the obsd. linkage patterns predate the origin of inbred mice. The nonrandom chromosomal distribution of these rDNA classes suggests that only a limited degree of genetic exchange occurs among nucleolus organizer regions on nonhomologous chromosomes. One particular VrDNA linkage group was localized to chromosome 12. These and other restriction fragment polymorphisms can be used in the construction of detailed mouse linkage maps.
- L56 ANSWER 37 OF 37 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS  
AN 1981:170727 HCAPLUS  
DN 94:170727  
TI An investigation of the structure of Alfalfa mosaic virus by small-angle neutron scattering  
AU Cusack, S.; Miller, A.; Krijgsman, P. C. J.; Mellema, J. E.  
CS EMBL Outstn., CEN, Grenoble, 38041, Fr.  
SO J. Mol. Biol. (1981), 145(3), 525-43  
CODEN: JMOBAK; ISSN: 0022-2836

DT Journal  
LA English  
AB Small-angle neutron scattering expts. performed on the tubular bottom component of alfalfa mosaic virus (AMV) and the 30 S particle (a quasispherical reassembled AMV coat protein particle) led to the construction of 3 models. A single homogeneous shell was inadequate, and of the 2 other models introducing the presumed T = 1 icosahedral symmetry of the particle, the most satisfactory consisted of 60 spherical monomers of radius 19 .ANG. sym. placed in pairs about the 2-fold icosahedral positions. Anal. of the bottom component data yielded a low-resoln. model for the virus, in which the RNA was uniformly packed throughout the interior of the capsid (which is cylindrical with hemispherical ends) out to a radius of .apprx.65 .ANG. and with a packing fraction of 20%. Within the limitations of a homogeneous shell model, the protein capsid had an outer radius of 94 .ANG. and a thickness of 23 .ANG.; but arguments are presented, based on the marked lattice structure of the cylindrical capsid and the anal. of the scattering data of the 30 S particle, that this model underests. the thickness of the protein shell, and that it makes contact with the RNA at .apprx.65 .ANG..

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L62 50 S L61 AND GENES, SYNTHETIC+NT/CT  
L63 1277 S L61 AND RECOMBINATION, GENETIC+NT/CT  
L64 9336 S L61 AND GENE EXPRESSION REGULATION+NT/CT  
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L66 401 S L61 AND BASE COMPOSITION+NT/CT  
L67 2934 S L61 AND CODON+NT/CT  
L68 628 S L61 AND INTRONS+NT/CT  
L69 2919 S L61 AND G5.331.375.700./CT  
L70 3505 S L61 AND GENETIC CODE+NT/CT

L71 948 S L61 AND EXONS+NT/CT  
 L72 492 S L61 AND (OPTIMAL? OR OPTIMIZ?)  
 L73 3192 S L61 AND (STABIL? OR STABL?)  
 L74 276 S L72 AND L62-L71  
 L75 2131 S L73 AND L62-L71  
 L76 43 S L74 AND L75  
 L77 143314 S RNA, MESSENGER+NT/CT  
 L78 34 S L77/MAJ AND L76  
 L79 34 S L78 AND G5./CT  
 L80 6319 S L18  
 L81 9461 S FACTOR VIII+NT/CT  
 L82 9463 S L80,L81  
 L83 14 S L77/MAJ AND L82  
 L84 57 S L77 AND G5./CT AND L82  
 L85 12 S L84 AND L62-L76  
 L86 92 S L79,L83-L85  
 L87 4 S L86 AND (GENETIC VECTORS+NT)/CT  
 L88 288 S DNA MUTATIONAL ANALYSIS+NT/CT AND L77/MAJ  
 L89 2 S L88 AND L82  
 L90 92 S L86,L87,L89  
 L91 226 S L88 AND L62-L76  
 L92 31873 S SEQUENCE ANALYSIS, DNA+NT/CT  
 L93 493 S SEQUENCE ANALYSIS, RNA+NT/CT  
 L94 53 S L93 AND L77/MAJ  
 L95 145 S L90,L94  
 L96 440 S L93 NOT L95  
 L97 501 S L77/MAJ AND (OPTIMAL? OR OPTIMIZ?)  
 L98 34 S L97 AND L79  
 L99 1 S L97 AND L82  
 L100 35 S L97 AND L86  
 L101 2 S L97 AND L87  
 L102 9 S L97 AND L88  
 L103 35 S L97 AND L90  
 L104 7 S L97 AND L91  
 L105 36 S L97 AND L95  
 L106 43 S L98-L105  
 L107 41 S L106 AND L60  
 L108 2 S L106 NOT L107

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L107 ANSWER 1 OF 41 MEDLINE  
 AN 1998241642 MEDLINE  
 DN 98241642  
 TI **Stability** determinants are localized to the 3'-untranslated region and 3'-coding region of the neurofilament light subunit mRNA using a tetracycline-inducible promoter.  
 AU Canete-Soler R; Schwartz M L; Hua Y; Schlaepfer W W  
 CS Division of Neuropathology, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104, USA.. racansol@mail.med.upenn.edu  
 SO JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, (1998 May 15) 273 (20) 12650-4.  
 Journal code: HIV. ISSN: 0021-9258.  
 CY United States  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
 EM 199808  
 EW 19980803  
 AB The tetracycline-responsive expression system of Bujard was used to compare rates of decay of wild-type and mutant neurofilament (NF) light subunit (NF-L) mRNAs. **Optimal** conditions for activation and inactivation of the target transgene were determined using a luciferase

reporter gene. Analyses of mRNA **stability** were thereupon conducted on cells that were doubly transfected with transactivator and inducible target genes and derived from pooled clones of transfected cells. Rates of mRNA decay were compared upon inactivation of the transgenes after high levels of mRNA had been induced. Deletion of the 445-nucleotide (nt) 3'-untranslated region (3'-UTR) (L/++(+)-) or 527 nt of the 3'-coding region (3'-CR) (L/++-+) increased the **stability** of NF-L mRNA compared with the full-length (L/++(++)) transcript in neuronal (N2a and P19 cells) and non-neuronal (L cells) lines. Deletion of both the 3'-UTR and 3'-CR (L/++--) led to a further **stabilization** of the transcript. A major **stability** determinant was then localized to a 68-nt sequence that forms the junction between the 3'-CR and 3'-UTR of NF-L and is the binding site of a unique ribonucleoprotein complex (Canete-Soler, R., Schwartz, M. L., Hua, Y., and Schlaepfer, W. W. (1998) J. Biol. Chem. 273, 12655-12661). The studies establish a novel system for mapping determinants of mRNA **stability** and have applied the system to localize determinants that regulate the **stability** of the NF-L mRNA.

CT Check Tags: Animal

Cell Line

Mice

\*Neurofilament Proteins: GE, genetics

\*Promoter Regions (Genetics)

\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

\*Tetracycline: PD, pharmacology

\*Trans-Activators: ME, metabolism

\*Translation, Genetic

RN 60-54-8 (Tetracycline)

CN 0 (neurofilament protein L); 0 (Neurofilament Proteins); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (Trans-Activators)

L107 ANSWER 2 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 97465800 MEDLINE

DN 97465800

TI Probing the structure of the regulatory region of human transferrin receptor messenger RNA and its interaction with iron regulatory protein-1.

AU Schlegl J; Gegout V; Schlager B; Hentze M W; Westhof E; Ehresmann C; Ehresmann B; Romby P

CS UPR 9002 du CNRS, Institut de Biologie Moleculaire et Cellulaire, Strasbourg, France.

SO RNA, (1997 Oct) 3 (10) 1159-72.

Journal code: CHB. ISSN: 1355-8382.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199801

EW 19980104

AB A portion of the 3'UTR of the human transferrin receptor mRNA mediates iron-dependent regulation of mRNA **stability**. The minimal RNA regulatory region contains three conserved hairpins, so-called iron responsive elements (IREs), that are recognized specifically by iron regulatory proteins (IRPs). The structure of this regulatory region and its complex with IRP-1 was probed using a combination of enzymes and chemicals. The data support the existence of an intrinsic IRE loop structure that is constrained by an internal C-G base pair. This particular structure is one of the determinants required for **optimal** IRP binding. IRP-1 covers one helical turn of the IRE and protects conserved residues in each of the three IREs: the bulged cytosine and nucleotides in the hairpin loops. Two essential IRP-phosphate contacts were identified by ethylation interference. Three-dimensional modeling of one IRE reveals that IRP-1 contacts several bases and the ribose-phosphate backbone located on one face in the deep groove, but contacts also exist with the shallow groove. A conformational change of the IRE loop mediated by IRP-1 binding was visualized by Pb2+-catalyzed hydrolysis. This effect is dependent on the loop structure and on the nature of the closing base

pair. Within the regulatory region of transferrin receptor mRNA, IRP-1 induces reactivity changes in a U-rich hairpin loop that requires the presence of the stem-loop structure located just downstream the endonucleolytic cleavage site identified by Binder et al. (Binder R et al. 1994, EMBO J 13:1969-1980). These results provide indications of the mechanism by which IRP-1 **stabilizes** the transferrin receptor mRNA under iron depletion conditions.

CT Check Tags: Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

**Base Composition**

**Base Sequence**

**Binding Sites**

Electrophoresis, Polyacrylamide Gel

Ethyl nitrosourea: PD, pharmacology

**Hydrolysis**

Hydroxyl Radical: ME, metabolism

Iron: ME, metabolism

\*Iron-Sulfur Proteins: ME, metabolism

Lead: PD, pharmacology

Models, Molecular

**Molecular Sequence Data**

**Mutation**

\*Nucleic Acid Conformation

\*Receptors, Transferrin: GE, genetics

Ribonuclease T1: ME, metabolism

\*RNA-Binding Proteins: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Messenger: CH, chemistry

RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

RN 3352-57-6 (Hydroxyl Radical); 7439-89-6 (Iron); 7439-92-1 (Lead); 759-73-9 (Ethyl nitrosourea)

CN EC 3.1.27.3 (Ribonuclease T1); 0 (iron regulatory factor); 0 (Iron-Sulfur Proteins); 0 (Receptors, Transferrin); 0 (RNA-Binding Proteins); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L107 ANSWER 3 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 97400260 MEDLINE

DN 97400260

TI An extracellular factor regulating expression of the chromosomal aminoglycoside 2'-N-acetyltransferase of *Providencia stuartii*.

AU Rather P N; Parojcic M M; Paradise M R

CS Department of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio 44106, USA..  
pxrl7@po.cwru.edu

SO ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS AND CHEMOTHERAPY, (1997 Aug) 41 (8)  
1749-54.

Journal code: 6HK. ISSN: 0066-4804.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199711

EW 19971104

AB The chromosomal *aac*(2')-Ia gene in *Providencia stuartii* encodes a housekeeping 2'-N-acetyltransferase [AAC(2')-Ia] involved in the acetylation of peptidoglycan. In addition, the AAC(2')-Ia enzyme also acetylates and confers resistance to the clinically important aminoglycoside antibiotics gentamicin, tobramycin, and netilmicin. Expression of the *aac*(2')-Ia gene was found to be strongly influenced by cell density, with a sharp decrease in *aac*(2')-Ia mRNA accumulation as cells approached stationary phase. This decrease was mediated by the accumulation of an extracellular factor, designated AR (for acetyltransferase repressing)-factor. AR-factor was produced in both minimal and rich media and acted in a manner that was strongly dose dependent. The activity of AR-factor was also pH dependent, with **optimal** activity at pH 8.0 and above. Biochemical characterization of conditioned media from *P. stuartii* has shown that AR-factor is between 500 and 1,000 Da in molecular size and is heat **stable**. In

addition, AR-factor was inactivated by a variety of proteases, suggesting that it may be a small peptide.

CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.

Acetyltransferases: AI, antagonists & inhibitors

\*Acetyltransferases: GE, genetics

Acetyltransferases: ME, metabolism

\*Gene Expression Regulation, Enzymologic

\*Genes, Bacterial

\*Providencia: EN, enzymology

Providencia: GE, genetics

\*Repressor Proteins: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

CN EC 2.3.1. (Acetyltransferases); EC 2.3.1.59 (gentamicin

2'-N-acetyltransferase); 0 (Repressor Proteins); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L107 ANSWER 4 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 97361802 MEDLINE

DN 97361802

TI mRNA **stability** is regulated by a coding-region element and the unique 5' untranslated leader sequences of the three *Synechococcus* psbA transcripts.

AU Kulkarni R D; Golden S S

CS Department of Biology, Texas A&M University, College Station 77843-3258, USA.

NC GM37040 (NIGMS)

SO MOLECULAR MICROBIOLOGY, (1997 Jun) 24 (6) 1131-42.

Journal code: MOM. ISSN: 0950-382X.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199711

AB The psbAI and psbAIII transcripts in *Synechococcus* sp. strain PCC 7942 are subject to accelerated turnover when cells are exposed to high light intensities, but psbAII message **stability** is unaffected. We used a psbAI 'minigene' which has a part of the coding sequence removed as a reporter gene in order to identify the cis-acting elements of the transcript that determine **stability**. While engineering the minigene to **optimally** mimic the native gene, we identified a **stabilizer** element within the open reading frame, corresponding to the coding region for the first membrane span of the D1 protein, the presence of and translation through which was essential for normal psbA mRNA **stability**. We propose that this **stabilizer** is a site for ribosome pausing, and that accumulation of ribosomes on the transcript upstream of the pause site increases **stability**. To identify the elements that regulate the differential responses of the psbA transcripts to high-light growth, sequences from psbAII and psbAIII were substituted in the psbAI minigene reporter. The chimeric reporter transcripts established that the psbAI and psbAIII untranslated leaders determine the faster turnover of these messages. The untranslated leader regions of the psbA transcripts may regulate mRNA **stability** by modulating translation and thereby **stability**, or by recruiting RNA-binding proteins that affect mRNA turnover more directly.

CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

Genes, Bacterial

\*Photosynthetic Reaction Center, Bacterial: GE, genetics

\*Photosynthetic Reaction Center, Plant: GE, genetics

Ribosomes: ME, metabolism

RNA Processing, Post-Transcriptional

\*RNA, Bacterial: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

\*Synechococcus Group: GE, genetics

Translation, Genetic

RN 125389-73-3 (D1 photosystem II protein)

CN 0 (Photosynthetic Reaction Center, Bacterial); 0 (Photosynthetic Reaction Center, Plant); 0 (RNA, Bacterial); 0 (RNA, Messenger)



## L107 ANSWER 5 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 97320958 MEDLINE  
 DN 97320958  
 TI Use of thermostable and Escherichia coli RNase H in RNA mapping studies.  
 AU Porter D; Curthoys N P  
 CS Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins 80523-1870, USA.  
 NC DK-37124 (NIDDK)  
 SO ANALYTICAL BIOCHEMISTRY, (1997 May 1) 247 (2) 279-86.  
 Journal code: 4NK. ISSN: 0003-2697..  
 CY United States  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals  
 EM 199709  
 EW 19970902  
 AB A recently introduced thermostable RNase H was tested to determine its effectiveness in RNase H mapping reactions. Procedures are described which should have general use with both the thermostable and the Escherichia coli RNase H enzymes. Using the thermostable RNase H at higher temperatures extends the range of oligodeoxyribonucleotide/RNA combinations that yield satisfactory results. Northern blot analyses of total RNA was used to demonstrate that native RNAs can be analyzed by oligodeoxyribonucleotide directed RNase H digestion with minimal sample processing as long as care is taken to maintain thermal stringency both during reaction assembly and termination. Increased thermal stringency allows for higher DNA concentrations to ensure complete site-specific digestion of target RNAs or to permit simultaneous cleavage with multiple oligodeoxyribonucleotides. Partial digests can also be controlled by manipulating oligodeoxyribonucleotide concentrations. In addition, the thermostable RNase H was shown to be active at magnesium ion concentrations as low as 0.1 mM. This allows for **optimization** of Mg<sup>2+</sup> effects on overall sample integrity and DNA/RNA interactions over at least a 20-fold range (2.0-0.1 mM).  
 CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
     **Base Sequence**  
     Binding Sites  
     DNA, Complementary: GE, genetics  
     **Enzyme Stability**  
     Escherichia coli: EN, enzymology  
     Oligodeoxyribonucleotides: GE, genetics  
     Rats  
     \*Ribonuclease H, Calf Thymus  
     \*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
     \*RNA, Messenger: IP, isolation & purification  
     Swine  
     Temperature  
 CN EC 3.1.26.4 (Ribonuclease H, Calf Thymus); 0 (DNA, Complementary); 0 (Oligodeoxyribonucleotides); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

## L107 ANSWER 6 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 97301058 MEDLINE  
 DN 97301058  
 TI Does Escherichia coli **optimize** the economics of the translation process?.  
 AU Solomovici J; Lesnik T; Reiss C  
 CS Centre de Genetique Moleculaire, CNRS, Gif Sur Yvette, France.  
 SO JOURNAL OF THEORETICAL BIOLOGY, (1997 Apr 21) 185 (4) 511-21.  
 Journal code: K8N. ISSN: 0022-5193.  
 CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals  
 EM 199708  
 EW 19970804

AB The codon translation rate is usually assumed to be proportional to the cellular concentration of the cognate tRNA, but synonymous codons sharing the same cognate tRNA may be translated at rather different rates. To account for the latter observation, we assume that the translation process is **optimized** in two respects: (i), the codon demand is **optimized** with respect to the supply of cognate tRNAs (composition of the tRNA pool); and (ii), for synonymous codons sharing the same cognate tRNA, the usage frequency of each codon correlates **optimally** with the **stability** of the codon-anticodon complex. These assumptions allow us to compute the relative rate constants of synonymous codons. Highly expressed genes, which produce 80-90% of the protein mass in the E. coli cell, appear to have selected codons which make an **optimal** use of the tRNA pool. Assuming the **optimization** criteria were valid, a list of codon translation times (in ms) were derived from available experimental data.

CT **\*Codon, Terminator**  
**\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics**  
**\*Genes, Bacterial**  
**\*Models, Genetic**  
**\*Translation, Genetic**  
 CN 0 (Codon, Terminator)

L107 ANSWER 7 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 97153094 MEDLINE

DN 97153094

TI Efficient hammerhead ribozymes targeted to the polycistronic Sendai virus P/C mRNA. Structure-function relationships.

AU Gavin D K; Gupta K C

CS Department of Immunology/Microbiology, Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois 60612, USA.

NC AI30517 (NIAID)

SO JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, (1997 Jan 17) 272 (3) 1461-72.

Journal code: HIV. ISSN: 0021-9258.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199704

EW 19970403

AB The Sendai virus polycistronic P/C mRNA encodes the P and C proteins from alternate overlapping reading frames. To determine the functions of these proteins in virus replication, hammerhead ribozymes were targeted to cleave the 5'-untranslated region of the P/C mRNA. Both cell-free and intracellular assays were employed to determine ribozyme efficacy. To appropriately compare activities between cell-free and intracellular assays, identical ribozymes were synthesized in vitro as well as expressed in cells. Ribozyme parameters, namely hybridization arm length (HAL) and nonhybridizing extraneous sequences (NES), were found to have rate-determining properties. In cell-free reactions, ribozymes with 13-mer HAL were up to 10-fold more efficient than those with 9-mer HAL. Ribozymes with 9-mer HAL were relatively ineffective in transfected cells. Minimizing the number of NES increased ribozyme efficiency in vitro. However, ribozymes with minimal NES were essentially inert intracellularly. The NES at the termini of the most effective intracellular ribozyme, Rz13st (approximately 95% inhibition of the p gene expression), were predicted to fold into stem-loop structures. These structures most likely increase ribozyme **stability** as evidenced by the 8-fold higher resistance to ribonuclease T2 digestion of Rz13st compared with Rz13B. Our results suggest that when designing effective intracellular ribozymes, parameters that enhance formation of productive ribozyme:substrate duplexes and that increase RNA **stability** should be **optimized**.

CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

**Base Sequence**

**Cell-Free System**

**Molecular Sequence Data**

Oligodeoxyribonucleotides  
 \*Paramyxovirus: GE, genetics  
 Protein Conformation  
 RNA, Catalytic: CH, chemistry  
 \*RNA, Catalytic: ME, metabolism  
 \*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism  
 \*RNA, Viral: ME, metabolism  
 Substrate Specificity

CN 0 (Oligodeoxyribonucleotides); 0 (RNA, Catalytic); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Viral)

L107 ANSWER 8 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 96332659 MEDLINE

DN 96332659

TI mRNA sequences influencing translation and the selection of AUG initiator codons in the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

AU Yun D F; Laz T M; Clements J M; Sherman F

CS Department of Biochemistry, University of Rochester, School of Medicine and Dentistry, New York 14642, USA.

NC T32 GM07098 (NIGMS)

R01 GM12702 (NIGMS)

SO MOLECULAR MICROBIOLOGY, (1996 Mar) 19 (6) 1225-39.

Journal code: MOM. ISSN: 0950-382X.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199611

AB The secondary structure and sequences influencing the expression and selection of the AUG initiator codon in the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* were investigated with two fused genes, which were composed of either the CYC7 or CYC1 leader regions, respectively, linked to the lacZ coding region. In addition, the strains contained the upfl-delta disruption, which **stabilized** mRNAs that had premature termination codons, resulting in wild-type levels. The following major conclusions were reached by measuring beta-galactosidase activities in yeast strains having integrated single copies of the fused genes with various alterations in the 89 and 38 nucleotide-long untranslated CYC7 and CYC1 leader regions, respectively. The leader region adjacent to the AUG initiator codon was dispensable, but the nucleotide preceding the AUG initiator at position -3 modified the efficiency of translation by less than twofold, exhibiting an order of preference A > G > C > U. Upstream out-of-frame AUG triplets diminished initiation at the normal site, from essentially complete inhibition to approximately 50% inhibition, depending on the position of the upstream AUG triplet and on the context (-3 position nucleotides) of the two AUG triplets. In this regard, complete inhibition occurred when the upstream and downstream AUG triplets were closer together, and when the upstream and downstream AUG triplets had, respectively, **optimal** and suboptimal contexts. Thus, leaky scanning occurs in yeast, similar to its occurrence in higher eukaryotes. In contrast, termination codons between two AUG triplets causes reinitiation at the downstream AUG in higher eukaryotes, but not generally in yeast. Our results and the results of others with GCN4 mRNA and its derivatives indicate that reinitiation is not a general phenomenon in yeast, and that special sequences are required.

CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

Base Sequence

\*Codon, Initiator: GE, genetics

DNA, Fungal: GE, genetics

Genes, Fungal

Genetic Vectors

Molecular Sequence Data

Nucleic Acid Conformation

Plasmids: GE, genetics

RNA, Fungal: CH, chemistry

\*RNA, Fungal: GE, genetics

RNA, Messenger: CH, chemistry

\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

\*Saccharomyces cerevisiae: GE, genetics

Translation, Genetic

CN 0 (Codon, Initiator); 0 (DNA, Fungal); 0 (Genetic Vectors); 0 (Plasmids);  
0 (RNA, Fungal); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L107 ANSWER 9 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 96235223 MEDLINE

DN 96235223

TI The synthesis of mRNA in isolated mitochondria can be maintained for several hours and is inhibited by high levels of ATP.

AU Enriquez J A; Fernandez-Silva P; Perez-Martos A; Lopez-Perez M J; Montoya J

CS Departamento de Bioquímica y Biología Molecular y Celular, Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain.

SO EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF BIOCHEMISTRY, (1996 May 1) 237 (3) 601-10.

Journal code: EMZ. ISSN: 0014-2956.

CY GERMANY: Germany, Federal Republic of

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199609

AB The dependence for the maintenance of the synthesis and maturation of mitochondrial RNA on the supply of nucleo-cytoplasmic factors has been investigated by a novel in organello RNA synthesis system. We found that mitochondrial DNA transcription can be maintained for several hours in isolated mitochondria. Analysis of the individual mitochondrial RNA species revealed that: the processing of the rRNA precursors and the **stability** of the mature rRNAs, but not the transcription itself, is severely impaired after short periods of incubation, indicating that these processes are strongly dependent on the mitochondrial interaction with the nucleo-cytoplasmic compartment; the events that lead to the synthesis, processing and turnover of the mitochondrial mRNAs do not require the continuous supply of nucleo-cytoplasmic factors, that are accumulated in excess by mitochondria. Furthermore, we present evidence indicating an inhibition of high ATP levels on the mitochondrial RNA polymerase activity, both in organello and in vitro. Consequently, it is proposed that mitochondrial mRNA synthesis can be regulated in response to changes in intramitochondrial ATP levels. This regulation of mitochondrial mRNA synthesis together with their very rapid turnover described here and elsewhere [Gelfand, R. & Attardi, G. (1981) Mol. Cell Biol. 1, 497-511], could represent a mechanism that would allow each individual mitochondrion to adjust its **optimal** levels of mRNA, and hence its translation capacity, in response to local energetic demands.

CT Check Tags: Animal; In Vitro; Male; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

\*Adenosine Triphosphate: ME, metabolism

Adenosine Triphosphate: PD, pharmacology

DNA-Directed RNA Polymerase: AI, antagonists & inhibitors

Energy Metabolism

Half-Life

Kinetics

Mitochondria, Liver: DE, drug effects

\*Mitochondria, Liver: ME, metabolism

Rats

Rats, Wistar

RNA Processing, Post-Transcriptional

\*RNA, Messenger: BI, biosynthesis

RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

RNA, Ribosomal: BI, biosynthesis

Transcription, Genetic

RN 56-65-5 (Adenosine Triphosphate)

CN EC 2.7.7.6 (DNA-Directed RNA Polymerase); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Ribosomal)

L107 ANSWER 10 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 96226185 MEDLINE

DN 96226185

TI The histone 3'-terminal stem-loop is necessary for translation in Chinese hamster ovary cells:

AU Gallie D R; Lewis N J; Marzluff W F

CS Department of Biochemistry, University of California, Riverside, CA 92521-0129, USA.

NC GM 29832 (NIGMS)  
T32CA09156 (NCI)

SO NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, (1996 May 15) 24 (10) 1954-62.

Journal code: O8L. ISSN: 0305-1048.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199610

AB The metazoan cell cycle-regulated histone mRNAs are the only known cellular mRNAs that do not terminate in a poly(A) tail. Instead, mammalian histone mRNAs terminate in a highly conserved stem-loop structure which is required for 3'-end processing and regulates mRNA **stability**. The poly(A) tail not only regulates translational efficiency and mRNA **stability** but is required for the function of the cap in translation (m(7)GpppN). We show that the histone terminal stem-loop is functionally similar to a poly(A) tail in that it enhances translational efficiency and is co-dependent on a cap in order to establish an efficient level of translation. The histone stem-loop is sufficient and necessary to increase the translation of reporter mRNA in transfected Chinese hamster ovary cells but must be positioned at the 3'-terminus in order to function **optimally**. Mutations within the conserved stem or loop regions reduced its ability to facilitate translation. All histone mRNAs in higher plants are polyadenylated. The histone stem-loop did not function to influence translational efficiency or mRNA **stability** in plant protoplasts. These data demonstrate that the histone stem/loop directs efficient translation and that it is functionally analogous to a poly(A) tail.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

**Base Sequence**

\*CHO Cells: ME, metabolism

**Drug Stability**

**Gene Expression Regulation**

**Genes, Reporter**

Hamsters

\*Histones: GE, genetics

Luciferase: GE, genetics

**Molecular Sequence Data**

**Mutation**

Nucleic Acid Conformation

Poly A: CH, chemistry

Poly A: ME, metabolism

Reticulocytes: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Messenger: CH, chemistry

RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

Structure-Activity Relationship

**Transfection**

\*Translation, Genetic

RN 24937-83-5 (Poly A)

CN EC 1.13.12.- (Luciferase); 0 (Histones); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L107 ANSWER 11 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 96105379 MEDLINE

DN 96105379

TI Kinetics of translation of gamma B crystallin and its circularly permuted variant in an in vitro cell-free system: possible relations to codon distribution and protein folding.

AU Komar A A; Jaenicke R  
CS Institut fur Biophysik und Physikalische Biochemie, Universitat  
Regensburg, Germany.  
SO FEBS LETTERS, (1995 Dec 4) 376 (3) 195-8.  
Journal code: EUH. ISSN: 0014-5793.  
CY Netherlands  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 199603  
AB Analysis of nascent gamma B-crystallin peptides accumulating during in  
vitro translation in a rabbit reticulocyte lysate cell-free system was  
carried out. As a consequence of the irregular distribution of rare codons  
along the polypeptide chain of gamma B-crystallin, translation of the  
two-domain protein is a non-uniform process characterized by specific  
pauses. One of the major delays occurs during the translation of the  
connecting peptide between the domains. Comparing the kinetics of  
translation of natural gamma B-crystallin and its circularly permuted  
variant (with the order of the N- and C-terminal domains exchanged)  
reveals that the natural N-terminal domain is translated faster than the  
C-terminal one. Since the N-terminal domain in natural gamma B-crystallin  
is known to be more **stable** and to fold faster than the  
C-terminal one [E.-M. Mayr et al. (1994) J. Mol. Biol. 235, 84-88], the  
present data suggest that the translation rates are **optimized** to  
tune the synthesis and folding of the nascent polypeptide chain. In this  
connection, the pause in the linker region between the domains provides a  
delay allowing the correct folding of the N-terminal domain and its  
subsequent assistance in the **stabilization** of the C-terminal  
one.  
CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Cattle  
Cell-Free System  
\*Codon  
\*Crystallins: CH, chemistry  
Crystallins: GE, genetics  
Kinetics  
Protein Folding  
Rabbits  
Reticulocytes  
RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
\*Translation, Genetic  
CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Crystallins); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L107 ANSWER 12 OF 41 MEDLINE  
AN 96104564 MEDLINE  
DN 96104564  
TI Translational efficiency is regulated by the length of the 3' untranslated  
region.  
AU Tanguay R L; Gallie D R  
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SO MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY, (1996 Jan) 16 (1) 146-56.  
Journal code: NGY. ISSN: 0270-7306.  
CY United States  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals  
EM 199603  
AB All polyadenylated mRNAs contain sequence of variable length between the  
coding region and the poly(A) tail. Little has been done to establish what  
role the length of the 3' untranslated region (3'UTR) plays in  
posttranscriptional regulation. Using firefly luciferase (luc) reporter  
mRNA in transiently transfected Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells, we  
observed that the addition of a poly(A) tail increased expression 97-fold  
when the length of the 3'UTR was 19 bases but that its stimulatory effect  
was only 2.3-fold when the length of the 3'UTR was increased to 156 bases.

The effect of the luc 3'UTR on poly(A) tail function was orientation independent, suggesting that its length and not its primary sequence was the important factor. Increasing the length of the 3'UTR increased expression from poly(A)- mRNA but had little effect on poly(A)+ mRNA. To examine the effect of length on translational efficiency and mRNA **stability**, a 20-base sequence was introduced and reiterated downstream of the luc stop codon to generate a nested set of constructs in which the length of the 3'UTR increased from 4 to 104 bases. For poly(A)- reporter mRNA, translational efficiency in CHO cells increased 38-fold as the length of the 3'UTR increased from 4 to 104 bases. Increasing the length of the 3'UTR beyond 104 bases increased expression even further. Increasing the length of the 3'UTR also resulted in a 2.5-fold **stabilization** of the reporter mRNA. For poly(A)+ mRNA, the translational efficiency and mRNA half-life increased only marginally as the length of the 3'UTR increased from 27 to 161 bases. However, positioning the poly(A) tail only 7 bases downstream of the stop codon resulted in a 39-fold reduction in the rate of translation relative to a construct with a 27-base 3'UTR, which may be a consequence of the poly(A) tail-poly(A)-binding protein complex functioning as a steric block to translocating ribosomes as they approached the termination codon. The **optimal** length of the 3' noncoding region for maximal poly(A) tail-mediated stimulation of translation is approximately 27 bases. These data suggest that the length of the 3'UTR plays an important role in determining both the translational efficiency and the **stability** of an mRNA.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.

Base Sequence

CHO Cells

Gene Expression

Hamsters

Luciferase: GE, genetics

Molecular Sequence Data

Ribosomes: ME, metabolism

RNA Caps: GE, genetics

RNA Caps: ME, metabolism

RNA Processing, Post-Transcriptional

\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

Transfection

\*Translation, Genetic

CN EC 1.13.12.- (Luciferase); 0 (RNA Caps); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L107 ANSWER 13 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 96064307 MEDLINE

DN 96064307

TI Alternatively spliced human type 1 angiotensin II receptor mRNAs are translated at different efficiencies and encode two receptor isoforms.

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CS Institute National de la Sante et de la Recherche Medicale U36, Chaire de Medicine Experimentale Coll'ege de France, Paris.

NC DK-42169 (NIDDK)

SO MOLECULAR ENDOCRINOLOGY, (1995 Sep) 9 (9) 1250-62.

Journal code: NGZ. ISSN: 0888-8809.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

OS GENBANK-S80189; GENBANK-S80190; GENBANK-S80192; GENBANK-S80194;

GENBANK-S80239

EM 199603

AB The peptide hormone angiotensin II (AngII) plays a principal role in regulating blood pressure and fluid homeostasis. Most of its known effects are mediated by a guanine nucleotide-regulatory protein (G protein)-coupled receptor pharmacologically defined as the type-1 AngII receptor or AT1. Characterization of cDNA and genomic clones shows that the human AT1 gene contains five exons and encodes two receptor isoforms

as a result of alternative splicing. Exon 5 contains the previously characterized open reading frame for AT1, and exons 1 to 3 are alternatively spliced upstream of it to generate several mRNA species, while transcripts containing exon 4 are of minor abundance. In an in vitro translation system, the presence of exon 1 was found to be extremely inhibitory to translation, probably because it can form a **stable** secondary structure at the RNA level. The alternatively spliced second exon also had a strong inhibitory effect on translation, presumably because it contains a minicistron commencing with an ATG in an **optimal** context for translation initiation. Exon 2 was similarly inhibitory to protein production in transfected cells, but exon 1 was found to enhance protein synthesis in this system. Transcripts containing exon 3 and 5, which comprise up to one-third of AT1 mRNAs in all tissues examined, encode a receptor with an amino-terminal extension of 32-35 amino acids. These transcripts were translated into a larger receptor isoform in vitro and produced a functional receptor with normal ligand binding and signaling properties in transfected cells.

CT Check Tags: Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

**\*Alternative Splicing**

**Amino Acid Sequence**

Bacteriophage lambda: GE, genetics

**Base Sequence**

Binding Sites

DNA, Complementary: CH, chemistry

**Exons**

**Molecular Sequence Data**

Nucleic Acid Conformation

**Open Reading Frames**

\*Receptors, Angiotensin: GE, genetics

RNA, Messenger: AN, analysis

RNA, Messenger: CH, chemistry

\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

Tissue Distribution

Transcription, Genetic

Transfection

\*Translation, Genetic

CN 0 (DNA, Complementary); 0 (Receptors, Angiotensin); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L107 ANSWER 14 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 96030185 MEDLINE

DN 96030185

TI [Use of thermostable DNA polymerase from *Thermus thermophilus* KTP in a combined reverse transcription and amplification reaction for detecting CD4 receptor mRNA].

Ispol'zovanie termostabil'noi DNK-polimerazy iz *Thermus thermophilus* KTP v sovmeshchennoi reaktsii obratnoi transkripsii i amplifikatsii dlia detektsii mRNK retseptora CD-4.

AU Glukhov A I; Grebennikova T V; Kiselev V I; Severin E S

SO MOLEKULIARNAIA BIOLOGIIA, (1995 Jul-Aug) 29 (4) 942-9.

Journal code: NGX. ISSN: 0026-8984.

CY RUSSIA: Russian Federation

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA Russian

FS Priority Journals

EM 199602

AB The RT/PCR method was applied to study a possible use of Tth DNA-polymerase for coupled reaction of reverse transcription and polymerase chain reaction (RT/PCR) on the CD-4 receptor mRNA template in the total cellular RNA. The conditions for detecting the CD-4 receptor mRNA were **optimized**. The pH-optimum for RT reaction was 8.8. The influence of Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Co<sup>2+</sup>, and Cd<sup>2+</sup> cations in RT and PCR reaction was investigated. The efficiency of the RT reaction was shown to be the highest in the presence of Mn<sup>2+</sup> (**optimal** concentration 1 mM). At Mn<sup>2+</sup> concentration > or = 3 mM complete inhibition of RT/PCR was observed. The Tth DNA polymerase in RT/PCR was shown to be more effective than Taq DNA polymerase. The Tth DNA polymerase allows observation of the specific



product in the gel containing ethidium bromide using 20 ng of the total RNA. High sensitivity and specificity of RT/PCR performed with the Tth DNA polymerase allow its wide application in the detection, quantitative analysis and cloning of cellular and viral RNAs.

CT Check Tags: Human

**\*Antigens, CD4: GE, genetics**

**Base Sequence**

Cations, Divalent

Cell Line

DNA Primers

**\*DNA-Directed DNA Polymerase: ME, metabolism**

English Abstract

**Enzyme Stability**

**\*Gene Amplification**

**Molecular Sequence Data**

Polymerase Chain Reaction

**\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism**

**\*Thermus thermophilus: EN, enzymology**

**\*Transcription, Genetic**

CN EC 2.7.7.7 (DNA-Directed DNA Polymerase); 0 (Antigens, CD4); 0 (Cations, Divalent); 0 (DNA Primers); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L107 ANSWER 15 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 95334381 MEDLINE

DN 95334381

TI Improved accumulation and activity of ribozymes expressed from a tRNA-based RNA polymerase III promoter.

AU Thompson J D; Ayers D F; Malmstrom T A; McKenzie T L; Ganousis L; Chowrira B M; Couture L; Stinchcomb D T

CS Ribozyme Pharmaceuticals Inc., Boulder, CO 80301, USA..

NC AI25959 (NIAID)

SO NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, (1995 Jun 25) 23 (12) 2259-68.

Journal code: O8L. ISSN: 0305-1048.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199510

AB RNA polymerase III (pol III) transcripts are abundant in all cells. Therefore, pol III promoters may be ideal for expressing high levels of exogenous RNAs, such as antisense RNAs, decoy RNAs and ribozymes, in many different cell types. We have improved accumulation of recombinant RNAs expressed from a human meti tRNA-derived pol III promoter > 100-fold by modifying the 3' terminus of the transcripts to hybridize to the 5' terminus. This terminal duplex includes the 8 nt leader sequence present in the primary wild-type meti tRNA transcript that is normally removed during processing to the mature tRNA. Expression of an anti-HIV ribozyme was analyzed in cells **stably** transduced with retroviral vectors encoding pol III transcription units containing this modification. High accumulation of recombinant pol III ribozyme transcripts was observed in all cell lines tested. Due to the enhanced transcript accumulation, ribozyme cleavage activity was readily detectable in total RNA extracted from **stably** transduced human T cell lines. One pol III transcription unit, termed 'TRZ', was **optimized** further for ribozyme cleavage activity. The improved pol III transcription units reported here may be useful for expressing a variety of functional and therapeutic RNAs.

CT Check Tags: Human; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

**Base Sequence**

Blotting, Northern

Cell Line

**Gene Expression**

**Molecular Sequence Data**

Nucleic Acid Conformation

Plasmids

**\*Promoter Regions (Genetics)**

Retroviridae: GE, genetics  
 \*RNA Polymerase III: GE, genetics  
 RNA Probes  
 RNA, Catalytic: GE, genetics  
 \*RNA, Catalytic: ME, metabolism  
 RNA, Messenger: CH, chemistry  
 \*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism  
 \*RNA, Transfer, Met: GE, genetics  
 CN EC 2.7.7.- (RNA Polymerase III); 0 (Plasmids); 0 (RNA Probes); 0 (RNA, Catalytic); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Met)

L107 ANSWER 16 OF 41 MEDLINE  
 AN 95329733 MEDLINE  
 DN 95329733  
 TI **Optimization** of antisense oligodeoxynucleotide structure for targeting bcr-abl mRNA.  
 AU Giles R V; Spiller D G; Green J A; Clark R E; Tidd D M  
 CS Department of Biochemistry, University of Liverpool, UK.  
 SO BLOOD, (1995 Jul 15) 86 (2) 744-54.  
 Journal code: A8G. ISSN: 0006-4971.  
 CY United States  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Abridged Index Medicus Journals; Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
 EM 199510  
 AB Antisense oligodeoxynucleotides targeted to bcr-abl are potential ex vivo purging agents for use with autologous bone marrow transplantation in the treatment of chronic myeloid leukemia (CML). We investigated, in a cell-free system, the activity and nuclease resistance of phosphodiester, phosphorothioate, chimeric methylphosphonate/phosphodiester, and chimeric methylphosphonate/phosphorothioate antisense octadecamers directed against either b2a2 or b3a2 bcr-abl breakpoint RNAs. Certain chimeric compounds were shown to possess targeted activity broadly equal to the parent phosphodiester or phosphorothioate forms and greater resistance to the nucleases present in cell extracts. Selected chimeric structures were compared with phosphodiester and phosphorothioate analogues for antisense activity in human CML cells containing either b2a2 or b3a2 bcr-abl breakpoint mRNAs. We present results showing that all four structures can suppress bcr-abl mRNA level in vivo. The rank of in vivo activity is chimeric methylphosphonate/phosphodiester > or = phosphodiester > phosphorothioate > methylphosphonate/phosphorothioate. We show that b2a2 breakpoint RNAs can be more effectively targeted than b3a2 sequence RNAs both in vitro and in vivo and suggest that RNA secondary structure may be a possible explanation for this phenomenon.  
 CT Check Tags: Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
**Base Sequence**  
 Cell-Free System  
 Chromatography, High Pressure Liquid  
**Drug Stability**  
 Endodeoxyribonucleases: ME, metabolism  
 \*Fusion Proteins, bcr-abl: GE, genetics  
 \*Gene Expression Regulation, Leukemic: DE, drug effects  
 Leukemia, Lymphocytic, Acute: PA, pathology  
**Molecular Sequence Data**  
 Nucleic Acid Conformation  
 \*Oligonucleotides, Antisense: CH, chemistry  
 Oligonucleotides, Antisense: GE, genetics  
 Oligonucleotides, Antisense: PD, pharmacology  
 \*Organophosphorus Compounds: PD, pharmacology  
 Polymerase Chain Reaction  
 \*RNA, Messenger: AI, antagonists & inhibitors  
 RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
 \*RNA, Neoplasm: AI, antagonists & inhibitors  
 RNA, Neoplasm: GE, genetics  
 \*Thionucleotides: PD, pharmacology  
 Tumor Cells, Cultured

RN 993-13-5 (methylphosphonate)  
 CN EC 3.1.- (Endodeoxyribonucleases); 0 (Fusion Proteins, bcr-abl); 0  
 (Oligonucleotides, Antisense); 0 (Organophosphorus Compounds); 0 (RNA,  
 Messenger); 0 (RNA, Neoplasm); 0 (Thionucleotides)  
 GEN bcr-abl; bcr

L107 ANSWER 17 OF 41 MEDLINE  
 AN 95303626 MEDLINE  
 DN 95303626  
 TI Defining a novel cis element in the 3'-untranslated region of mammalian  
 ribonucleotide reductase component R2 mRNA: role in transforming growth  
 factor-beta 1 induced mRNA **stabilization**.  
 AU Amara F M; Chen F Y; Wright J A  
 CS Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg,  
 Canada..  
 SO NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, (1995 May 11) 23 (9) 1461-7.  
 Journal code: O8L. ISSN: 0305-1048.  
 CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
 EM 199509  
 AB Ribonucleotide reductase R2 gene expression is elevated in BALB/c 3T3  
 fibroblasts treated with transforming growth factor beta 1. We  
 investigated the possibility that the 3'-UTR of ribonucleotide reductase  
 R2 mRNA contains regulatory information for TGF-beta 1 induced message  
**stability**. Using end-labeled RNA fragments in gel shift assays and  
 UV cross-linking analyses, we detected in the 3'-UTR a novel 9 nucleotide  
 (nt) cis element, 5'-GAGUUUGAG-3' site, which interacted specifically with  
 a cytosolic protease sensitive factor to form a 75 kDa complex. The cis  
 element protein binding activity was inducible and markedly up-regulated  
 cross-link 4 h after TGF-beta 1 treatment of mouse BALB/c 3T3 cells. Other  
 3'-UTRs [IRE, GM-CSF, c-myc and homopolymer (U)] were poor competitors to  
 the cis element with regard to forming the TGF-beta 1 dependent  
 RNA-protein complex. However, the cis element effectively competed out the  
 formation of the R2 3'-UTR protein complex. Cytosolic extracts from a  
 variety of mammalian cell lines (monkey Cos7, several mouse fibrosarcomas  
 and human HeLa S3) demonstrated similar TGF-beta 1 dependent RNA-protein  
 band shifts as cell extract from BALB/c 3T3 mouse fibroblasts. Binding was  
 completely prevented by several different mutations within the cis  
 element, and by substitution mutagenesis, we were able to predict the  
 consensus sequences, 5'-GAGUUUNNN-3' and 5'-NNNUUGAG-3' for  
**optimal** protein binding. These results support a model in which  
 the 9 nt region functions in cis to destabilize R2 mRNA in cells; and upon  
 activation, a TGF-beta 1 responsive protein is induced and interacts with  
 the 9 nt cis element in a mechanism that leads to **stabilization**  
 of the mRNA. This appears to be the first example of a mRNA binding site  
 that is involved in TGF-beta 1-mediated effects.  
 CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
     **Base Sequence**  
     Binding Sites: GE, genetics  
     Mice  
     Mice, Inbred BALB C  
     **Molecular Sequence Data**  
     **Mutation**  
     Protein Binding: GE, genetics  
     \*Ribonucleotide Reductases: GE, genetics  
     \*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
     RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism  
     Sequence Analysis  
     \*Transforming Growth Factor beta: ME, metabolism  
     Transforming Growth Factor beta: PD, pharmacology  
     3T3 Cells  
 CN EC 1.17.4 (Ribonucleotide Reductases); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (Transforming  
 Growth Factor beta)  
 GEN R2

L107 ANSWER 18 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 95065647 MEDLINE

DN 95065647

TI Mutational analysis of the translational signal in the human cytomegalovirus gpUL4 (gp48) transcript leader by retroviral infection.

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CS Department of Molecular Medicine, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle, Washington 98104.

NC AI26672 (NIAID)

SO VIROLOGY, (1994 Nov 15) 205 (1) 151-60.

Journal code: XEA. ISSN: 0042-6822.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199502

AB A short upstream open reading frame (uORF2) in the human cytomegalovirus (CMV) gpUL4 (gp48) transcript leader is conserved among CMV strains and inhibits translation of a downstream cistron. Remarkably, this inhibitory effect depends on the amino acid coding information of uORF2, at least in transient transfection assays in diploid human fibroblasts. Using retroviral vectors, we now report that the gp48 leader inhibits downstream translation in multiple additional cell types, even when expressed from a **stably** integrated gene, and on a transcript containing an additional kilobase of complex leader sequences. The magnitude of inhibition can be augmented approximately 3- to 10-fold by replacing the context of nucleotides flanking the wild-type initiation codon of uORF2 with an **optimal** context, suggesting that leaky scanning past the wild-type AUG codon accounts for translation of the downstream cistron. Using an in vivo mutagenesis protocol that relies on reverse transcriptase infidelity, we isolated mutants in which the inhibitory effect of the gp48 leader was inactivated as a result of alterations in the coding information of uORF2. These studies demonstrate that, independent of the cell type or expression system used, CMV gp48 uORF2 is a potent translational inhibitory element.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Human; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

**Base Sequence**

Cells, Cultured

\*Cytomegalovirus: GE, genetics

**\*DNA Mutational Analysis**

DNA Primers

**Genetic Vectors**

Gentamicins: PD, pharmacology

Mice

**Molecular Sequence Data**

\*Retroviridae: GE, genetics

**\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics**

RNA, Viral: GE, genetics

Signal Transduction

**Transduction, Genetic**

**\*Translation, Genetic**

\*Viral Envelope Proteins: GE, genetics

Viral Envelope Proteins: ME, metabolism

3T3 Cells

RN 49863-47-0 (antibiotic G 418)

CN 0 (cytomegalovirus glycoprotein 48); 0 (DNA Primers); 0 (Genetic Vectors); 0 (Gentamicins); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Viral); 0 (Viral Envelope Proteins)

L107 ANSWER 19 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 94296662 MEDLINE

DN 94296662

TI From RNA to sequenced clones within three days: a complete protocol.

AU Simon M M; Palmethofer A; Schwarz T

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Munster, FRG.

SO BIOTECHNIQUES, (1994 Apr) 16 (4) 633-6, 638.  
Journal code: AN3. ISSN: 0736-6205.

CY United States

DT Report; (TECHNICAL REPORT)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199410

AB Detection of specific mRNA transcripts by the reverse transcription/polymerase chain reaction (RT/PCR) technique has become increasingly important. The technique is fast and has a very high resolution. Cloning of these PCR fragments into vectors is sometimes necessary for identification of alternative splicing products, for bacterial expression or for generation of a DNA probe. Here we present a complete protocol for RT/PCR, cloning and sequencing of PCR, cloning and sequencing of PCR products beginning with the total RNA and ending with the DNA sequence within three days. To illustrate the procedure as an example, a fragment of the human glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase mRNA was amplified from total RNA, cloned and partially sequenced. The protocol has been **optimized** for small scale to facilitate handling and to reduce costs.

CT Check Tags: Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Base Sequence  
Cloning, Molecular  
DNA: CH, chemistry  
Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
Glyceraldehyde-3-Phosphate Dehydrogenases: GE, genetics  
Molecular Sequence Data  
Plasmids  
\*Polymerase Chain Reaction  
\*RNA-Directed DNA Polymerase  
\*RNA, Messenger: AN, analysis  
\*RNA, Messenger: CH, chemistry  
\*Sequence Analysis, RNA

RN 9007-49-2 (DNA)

CN EC 1.2.1.- (Glyceraldehyde-3-Phosphate Dehydrogenases); EC 2.7.7.49 (RNA-Directed DNA Polymerase); 0 (Plasmids); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L107 ANSWER 20 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 94245621 MEDLINE

DN 94245621

TI Effects of transcriptional start site sequence and position on nucleotide-sensitive selection of alternative start sites at the pyrC promoter in Escherichia coli.

AU Liu J; Turnbough C L Jr

CS Department of Microbiology, University of Alabama at Birmingham 35294...

NC GM29466 (NIGMS)

SO JOURNAL OF BACTERIOLOGY, (1994 May) 176 (10) 2938-45.  
Journal code: HH3. ISSN: 0021-9193.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199408

AB In Escherichia coli, expression of the pyrC gene is regulated primarily by a translational control mechanism based on nucleotide-sensitive selection of transcriptional start sites at the pyrC promoter. When intracellular levels of CTP are high, pyrC transcripts are initiated predominantly with CTP at a site 7 bases downstream of the Pribnow box. These transcripts form a **stable** hairpin at their 5' ends that blocks ribosome binding. When the CTP level is low and the GTP level is high, conditions found in pyrimidine-limited cells, transcripts are initiated primarily with GTP at a site 9 bases downstream of the Pribnow box. These shorter transcripts are unable to form a hairpin at their 5' ends and are readily translated. In this study, we examined the effects of nucleotide sequence and position on the selection of transcriptional start sites at the pyrC

promoter. We characterized promoter mutations that systematically alter the sequence at position 7 or 9 downstream of the Pribnow box or vary the spacing between the Pribnow box and wild-type transcriptional initiation region. The results reveal preferences for particular initiating nucleotides (ATP > or = GTP > UTP >> CTP) and for starting positions downstream of the Pribnow box (7 >> 6 and 8 > 9 > 10). The results indicate that **optimal** nucleotide-sensitive start site switching at the wild-type pyrC promoter is the result of competition between the preferred start site (position 7) that uses the poorest initiating nucleotide (CTP) and a weak start site (position 9) that uses a good initiating nucleotide (GTP). (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)

CT Check Tags: Comparative Study; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

**Base Sequence**

\*Dihydroorotase: GE, genetics

**DNA Mutational Analysis**

\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

Half-Life

**Molecular Sequence Data**

Mutagenesis, Site-Directed

\*Promoter Regions (Genetics): GE, genetics

Recombinant Fusion Proteins

\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

\*Transcription, Genetic

Transformation, Genetic

CN EC 3.5.2.3 (Dihydroorotase); 0 (Recombinant Fusion Proteins); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

GEN pyrC

L107 ANSWER 21 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 92333663 MEDLINE

DN 92333663

TI Role of TAR RNA splicing in translational regulation of simian immunodeficiency virus from rhesus macaques.

AU Viglianti G A; Rubinstein E P; Graves K L

CS Program in Molecular Medicine, University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Worcester 01605.

SO JOURNAL OF VIROLOGY, (1992 Aug) 66 (8) 4824-33.

Journal code: KCV. ISSN: 0022-538X.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199210

AB The untranslated leader sequences of rhesus macaque simian immunodeficiency virus mRNAs form a **stable** secondary structure, TAR. This structure can be modified by RNA splicing. In this study, the role of TAR splicing in virus replication was investigated. The proportion of viral RNAs containing a spliced TAR structure is high early after infection and decreases at later times. Moreover, proviruses containing mutations which prevent TAR splicing are significantly delayed in replication. These mutant viruses require approximately 20 days to achieve half-maximal virus production, in contrast to wild-type viruses, which require approximately 8 days. We attribute this delay to the inefficient translation of unspliced-TAR-containing mRNAs. The molecular basis for this translational effect was examined in in vitro assays. We found that spliced-TAR-containing mRNAs were translated up to 8.5 times more efficiently than were similar mRNAs containing an unspliced TAR leader. Furthermore, these spliced-TAR-containing mRNAs were more efficiently associated with ribosomes. We postulate that the level of TAR splicing provides a balance for the **optimal** expression of both viral proteins and genomic RNA and therefore ultimately controls the production of infectious virions.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

**Base Sequence**

Blotting, Western

\*Gene Expression Regulation, Viral

**Introns**

Macaca mulatta

**Molecular Sequence Data**

Nucleic Acid Conformation

Oligodeoxyribonucleotides

Plasmids

**\*RNA Splicing**

RNA, Messenger: AN, analysis

**\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics**

RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

RNA, Viral: AN, analysis

**\*RNA, Viral: GE, genetics**

RNA, Viral: ME, metabolism

**\*SIV: GE, genetics****Transcription, Genetic****\*Translation, Genetic**

CN 0 (Oligodeoxyribonucleotides); 0 (Plasmids); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Viral)

L107 ANSWER 22 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 92115731 MEDLINE

DN 92115731

TI An RNA pseudoknot and an **optimal** heptameric shift site are required for highly efficient ribosomal frameshifting on a retroviral messenger RNA.

AU Chamorro M; Parkin N; Varmus H E

CS Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of California, San Francisco 94143-0502.

SO PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, (1992 Jan 15) 89 (2) 713-7.

Journal code: PV3. ISSN: 0027-8424.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199204

AB Synthesis of the pol gene products of most retroviruses requires ribosomes to shift frame once or twice in the -1 direction while translating gag-pol mRNA. The viral signals for frameshifting include a heptanucleotide sequence on which the shift occurs and higher-order RNA structure just downstream of the shift site. We have made site-directed mutations in two stems (S1 and S2) of a putative RNA pseudoknot that begins 7 nucleotides 3' of the previously identified shift site (A AAA AAC) in the gag-pro region of mouse mammary tumor virus (MMTV) RNA. The mutants confirm the predicted structure, show that loss of either S1 or S2 impairs frameshifting, and exclude alternative RNA structures as significant for frameshifting. The importance of the MMTV pseudoknot has been further demonstrated by showing that shift sites from two other retroviruses function more efficiently in the position of the MMTV site than in their native contexts. However, the MMTV pseudoknot cannot promote detectable frameshifting in the absence of a recognizable upstream shift site. In addition, the species of tRNA that reads the second codon in the shift site appears to be a critical determinant, since changing the 7th nucleotide in the MMTV gag-pro shift site from C to A, U, or G severely impairs frameshifting.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

**Base Sequence****Codon****DNA Mutational Analysis****Gene Expression Regulation**

Genes, gag

Genes, Structural, Viral

Hydrogen Bonding

**\*Mammary Tumor Viruses, Mouse: GE, genetics**

Molecular Sequence Data

Nucleic Acid Conformation

\*Ribosomes: ME, metabolism  
\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
RNA, Messenger: UL, ultrastructure  
RNA, Transfer: GE, genetics  
\*RNA, Viral: GE, genetics  
RNA, Viral: UL, ultrastructure  
\*Translation, Genetic

RN 9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)  
CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Viral)

L107 ANSWER 23 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 92038999 MEDLINE

DN 92038999

TI The cap and poly(A) tail function synergistically to regulate mRNA translational efficiency.

AU Gallie D R

CS Department of Biochemistry, University of California, Riverside 92521.

SO GENES AND DEVELOPMENT, (1991 Nov) 5 (11) 2108-16.

Journal code: FN3. ISSN: 0890-9369.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199202

AB The cap structure and the poly(A) tail are important regulatory determinants in establishing the translational efficiency of a messenger RNA. Although the mechanism by which either determinant functions remains poorly characterized, the interaction between the poly(A) tail-poly(A)-binding protein complex and events occurring at the 5' terminus during translation initiation has been an intriguing possibility. In this report, the mutual dependence of the cap and the poly(A) tail was studied. Poly(A)+ and poly(A)- luciferase (Luc) mRNAs generated in vitro containing or lacking a cap were translated in vivo in tobacco protoplasts, Chinese hamster ovary cells, and yeast following delivery by electroporation. The poly(A) tail-mediated regulation of translational efficiency was wholly dependent on the cap for function. Moreover, cap function was enhanced over an order of magnitude by the presence of a poly(A) tail. The relative differences in **stability** between the mRNAs could not account for the synergism. The synergism between the cap and poly(A) tail was not observed in yeast cells in which active translation had been disrupted. In addition, the synergism was not observed in in vitro translation lysates. These data demonstrate that the cap and the poly(A) tail are interdependent for **optimal** function in vivo and suggest that communication between the two regulatory determinants may be important in establishing efficient translation.

CT Check Tags: Animal

CHO Cells: ME, metabolism

\*Gene Expression Regulation: GE, genetics

Hamsters

Kinetics

Luciferase: GE, genetics

Plasmids: GE, genetics

\*Poly A: GE, genetics

Poly A: ME, metabolism

Protoplasts: ME, metabolism

\*RNA Caps: GE, genetics

\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

Saccharomyces cerevisiae: ME, metabolism

Tobacco: ME, metabolism

\*Translation, Genetic: GE, genetics

RN 24937-83-5 (Poly A)

CN EC 1.13.12.- (Luciferase); 0 (Plasmids); 0 (RNA Caps); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L107 ANSWER 24 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 91334248 MEDLINE



DN 91334248  
TI Codon usage and secondary structure of mRNA.  
AU Zama M  
CS Division of Biology, National Institute of Radiological Sciences,  
Chiba-shi, Japan..  
SO NUCLEIC ACIDS SYMPOSIUM SERIES, (1990) (22) 93-4.  
Journal code: O8N. ISSN: 0261-3166.  
CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals  
EM 199111  
AB The specific codon usage pattern of the repetitive unit nucleotide  
sequence of silk fibroin mRNA suggests that selection has operated on the  
codon usage to **optimize** the secondary structure characteristic  
of the mRNA. The correlation between the **stability** map of local  
secondary structure of type I collagen mRNA and the codon usage pattern  
and the translation rate of the collagen is also implied.  
CT Check Tags: Animal  
\*Codon  
Evolution  
Fibroin: GE, genetics  
Nucleic Acid Conformation  
Nucleic Acid Denaturation  
Repetitive Sequences, Nucleic Acid  
RNA, Messenger: CH, chemistry  
\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
Silkworms: GE, genetics  
Translation, Genetic  
RN 9007-76-5 (Fibroin)  
CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L107 ANSWER 25 OF 41 MEDLINE  
AN 91237810 MEDLINE  
DN 91237810  
TI Cowpea mosaic virus middle component RNA contains a sequence that allows  
internal binding of ribosomes and that requires eukaryotic initiation  
factor 4F for **optimal** translation.  
AU Thomas A A; ter Haar E; Wellink J; Voorma H O  
CS Department of Molecular Cell Biology, University of Utrecht, The  
Netherlands..  
SO JOURNAL OF VIROLOGY, (1991 Jun) 65 (6) 2953-9.  
Journal code: KCV. ISSN: 0022-538X.  
CY United States  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 199108  
AB Cowpea mosaic virus (CPMV) middle component RNA (M-RNA) encodes two  
proteins of 105 and 95 kDa, of which translation starts at nucleotide (nt)  
161 and nt 512, respectively. In vitro translation of both proteins  
directed by T7 transcripts of M-RNA was stimulated fourfold by eukaryotic  
initiation factor 4F (eIF-4F), the cap-binding protein complex. The ratio  
of the synthesis of both proteins after translation was not influenced by  
eIF-4F or by any known eIF. Part of the CPMV 5' sequence was cloned  
downstream of the 5' untranslated region of ornithine decarboxylase (ODC);  
the latter untranslated sequence has a highly **stable** secondary  
structure, preventing efficient translation of ODC. Insertion of nt 161 to  
512 of CPMV M-RNA upstream of the ODC initiation codon resulted in a  
marked increase in ODC translation, which indicates that the CPMV sequence  
contains an internal ribosome-binding site. The insertion conferred  
stimulation by eIF-4F on ODC translation, showing that eIF-4F is able to  
stimulate internal initiation.  
CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Base Sequence  
Binding Sites

\*Mosaic Viruses: GE, genetics  
Nucleic Acid Conformation  
Ornithine Decarboxylase: GE, genetics  
\*Peptide Initiation Factors: GE, genetics  
Plants: MI, microbiology  
\*Ribosomes: ME, metabolism  
RNA, Messenger: CH, chemistry  
\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism  
\*RNA, Viral: CH, chemistry  
Translation, Genetic

CN EC 4.1.1.17 (Ornithine Decarboxylase); 0 (eIF-4F); 0 (Peptide Initiation Factors); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Viral)

L107 ANSWER 26 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 91187682 MEDLINE

DN 91187682

TI The rate and specificity of a group I ribozyme are inversely affected by choice of monovalent salt.

AU Partono S; Lewin A S

CS Department of Immunology and Medical Microbiology, University of Florida College of Medicine, Gainesville 32610.

SO NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, (1991 Feb 11) 19 (3) 605-9.

Journal code: O8L. ISSN: 0305-1048.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199107

AB The fifth intron of the COB gene of yeast mitochondria splices autocatalytically. The rate of splicing is increased by high concentrations of monovalent salts, but the choice of both cation and anion is significant: The smaller the cation in solution, the faster the reaction (the rate in K<sup>+</sup> greater than NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> greater than Na<sup>+</sup> greater than Li<sup>+</sup>). Chloride, bromide, iodide and acetate salts enhance autocatalytic processing, but sulfate salts do not and fluoride salts are inhibitory. The choice of monovalent salt affects the KM of the intron for guanosine nucleotide, implying an alteration in the affinity of the RNA for that substrate. Under optimal conditions (1M KCl, 50 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>) the catalytic efficiency of this intron exceeds that reported for the ribosomal intron from Tetrahymena, but several side reactions occur, including guanosine-addition within the downstream exon. The site of addition resembles the 5' splice junction, but selection of this site does not involve the internal guide sequence of the intron.

CT Check Tags: In Vitro

\*Cations, Monovalent

\*Cytochrome b: GE, genetics

DNA Mutational Analysis

\*DNA, Mitochondrial: GE, genetics

Guanosine Triphosphate: ME, metabolism

Introns

Kinetics

Potassium Chloride: PD, pharmacology

\*RNA Splicing

\*RNA, Catalytic: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Fungal: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

\*Saccharomyces cerevisiae: GE, genetics

Solvents

Substrate Specificity

RN 7447-40-7 (Potassium Chloride); 86-01-1 (Guanosine Triphosphate);

9035-37-4 (Cytochrome b)

CN 0 (Cations, Monovalent); 0 (DNA, Mitochondrial); 0 (RNA, Catalytic); 0

(RNA, Fungal); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (Solvents)

GEN COB; CBP2

L107 ANSWER 27 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 91159622 MEDLINE  
 DN 91159622  
 TI Human interleukin-3 mRNA accumulation is controlled at both the transcriptional and posttranscriptional level.  
 AU Ryan G R; Milton S E; Lopez A F; Bardy P G; Vadas M A; Shannon M F  
 CS Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science, Adelaide, South Australia..  
 NC CA45822 (NCI)  
 SO BLOOD, (1991 Mar 15) 77 (6) 1195-202.  
 Journal code: A8G. ISSN: 0006-4971.  
 CY United States  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Abridged Index Medicus Journals; Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
 EM 199106  
 AB Interleukin-3 (IL-3) is a hematopoietic growth factor that regulates the differentiation of multilineage and committed progenitor cells and the functions of some mature blood cells. The expression of human IL-3 appears to be restricted to stimulated T lymphocytes. We have investigated the kinetics and mechanisms involved in the induction of IL-3 expression in the human T lymphocytic tumor cell line Jurkat. We show that accumulation of IL-3 mRNA is controlled at both the transcriptional and posttranscriptional level. Transcription of the IL-3 gene in these cells appears to be constitutive but no IL-3 mRNA was detected in unstimulated cells, indicating that in resting cells IL-3 mRNA is highly unstable. Treatment with phytohemagglutinin (PHA) induced a small and transient increase in the IL-3 gene transcription rate and led to the production of detectable levels of IL-3 mRNA and protein. **Optimal** induction of IL-3 expression required a second stimulus. Costimulation of Jurkat cells with both phorbol myristate acetate and PHA caused both a transient increase in IL-3 gene transcription, which is dependent on new protein synthesis, and also a transient increase in mRNA **stability**.  
 CT Check Tags: Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S. Cell Line  
**Gene Expression Regulation, Neoplastic: DE, drug effects**  
**Gene Expression Regulation, Neoplastic: PH, physiology**  
 \*Interleukin-3: GE, genetics  
 Interleukin-3: ME, metabolism  
 Lymphoma, T-Cell: ME, metabolism  
 Lymphoma, T-Cell: PA, pathology  
 Phytohemagglutinins: PD, pharmacology  
 \*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
 RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism  
 T-Lymphocytes: ME, metabolism  
 T-Lymphocytes: PA, pathology  
 Tetradecanoylphorbol Acetate: PD, pharmacology  
 Time Factors  
**Transcription, Genetic: DE, drug effects**  
**\*Transcription, Genetic: GE, genetics**  
 RN 16561-29-8 (Tetradecanoylphorbol Acetate)  
 CN 0 (Interleukin-3); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L107 ANSWER 28 OF 41 MEDLINE  
 AN 91141512 MEDLINE  
 DN 91141512  
 TI Involvement of long terminal repeat U3 sequences overlapping the transcription control region in human immunodeficiency virus type 1 mRNA 3' end formation.  
 AU DeZazzo J D; Kilpatrick J E; Imperiale M J  
 CS Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor 48109-0620.  
 NC GM34902 (NIGMS)  
 SO MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY, (1991 Mar) 11 (3) 1624-30.  
 Journal code: NGY. ISSN: 0270-7306.  
 CY United States  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English

FS Priority Journals  
EM 199105  
AB In retroviral proviruses, the poly(A) site is present in both long terminal repeats (LTRs) but used only in the 3' position. One mechanism to account for this selective poly(A) site usage is that LTR U3 sequences, transcribed only from the 3' poly(A) site, are required in the RNA for efficient processing. To test this possibility, mutations were made in the human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) U3 region and the mutated LTRs were inserted into simple and complex transcription units. HIV-1 poly(A) site usage was then quantitated by S1 nuclease analysis following transfection of each construct into human 293 cells. The results showed that U3 sequences confined to the transcription control region were required for efficient usage of the HIV-1 poly(A) site, even when it was placed 1.5 kb from the promoter. Although the roles of U3 in processing and transcription activation were separable, **optimal** 3' end formation was partly dependent on HIV-1 enhancer and SP1 binding site sequences.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
Cloning, Molecular  
DNA Mutational Analysis  
\*HIV Long Terminal Repeat: GE, genetics  
\*HIV-1: GE, genetics  
Poly A: GE, genetics  
\*Regulatory Sequences, Nucleic Acid  
RNA Processing, Post-Transcriptional  
\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
\*RNA, Viral: GE, genetics

RN 24937-83-5 (Poly A)  
CN 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Viral)

L107 ANSWER 29 OF 41 MEDLINE  
AN 91116825 MEDLINE  
DN 91116825  
TI Combined use of in situ hybridization and unlabeled antibody peroxidase anti-peroxidase methods: simultaneous detection of type I procollagen mRNAs and factor VIII-related antigen epitopes in keloid tissue.  
AU Sollberg S; Peltonen J; Uitto J  
CS Department of Dermatology, Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania..  
NC AR-28450 (NIAMS)  
GM-28833 (NIGMS)  
T32 AR-7561 (NIAMS)  
SO LABORATORY INVESTIGATION, (1991 Jan) 64 (1) 125-9.  
Journal code: KZ4. ISSN: 0023-6837.  
CY United States  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 199105  
AB In this study, we developed methodology that allows the combined use of in situ hybridization and peroxidase anti-peroxidase techniques on the same tissue section. A human pro alpha 1(I) collagen cDNA and antibodies to factor VIII-related antigen were used on keloid tissue sections as a model for a fibrotic reaction. The basic protocols of the techniques were modified to obtain **optimal** results. The feasibility of this new method was demonstrated by elucidation of type I procollagen gene expression in the cells of blood vessel wall and the adjacent fibroblasts. In the case of capillaries, pro alpha 1(I) collagen mRNAs were detected within endothelial cells identified by the presence of factor VIII-related antigen. Pro alpha 1(I) collagen mRNAs were also found in close proximity of medium-size blood vessels, but in this context clearly outside the vessel wall. These results may contribute to the understanding of pathogenetic aspects of keloids and other fibrotic conditions. Thus, the combination of in situ hybridization and peroxidase anti-peroxidase techniques provides a useful tool to examine gene expression simultaneously both at mRNA and protein levels in fibrotic tissues. This

methodology is also applicable to a variety of other biologic and pathologic situations.

CT Check Tags: Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

DNA: GE, genetics

Epitopes

\*Factor VIII: IM, immunology

Fibrosis

Gene Expression

Immunoenzyme Techniques

Keloid: IM, immunology

\*Keloid: ME, metabolism

Keloid: PA, pathology

Nucleic Acid Hybridization

Procollagen: GE, genetics

\*Procollagen: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

RN 9001-27-8 (Factor VIII); 9007-49-2 (DNA)

CN 0 (Epitopes); 0 (Procollagen); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L107 ANSWER 30 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 91036044 MEDLINE

DN 91036044

TI Induction and regulation of class II major histocompatibility complex mRNA expression in astrocytes by interferon-gamma and tumor necrosis factor-alpha.

AU Vidovic M; Sparacio S M; Elovitz M; Benveniste E N

CS Department of Neurology, University of Alabama, Birmingham 35294..

NC AM 20614 (NIADDK)

SO JOURNAL OF NEUROIMMUNOLOGY, (1990 Dec) 30 (2-3) 189-200.

Journal code: HSO. ISSN: 0165-5728.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199102

AB Astrocytes can function as antigen-presenting cells (APC) upon expression of class II major histocompatibility complex (MHC) antigens, which are induced by interferon-gamma (IFN-gamma). Previous data from this laboratory had shown that the cytokine tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF-alpha) enhances IFN-gamma-mediated class II antigen expression on astrocytes. We have now investigated the effect of IFN-gamma and TNF-alpha on class II MHC mRNA expression in astrocytes using Northern blot analysis. Astrocytes do not constitutively express mRNA for class II MHC. Kinetic analysis of class II MHC mRNA expression in IFN-gamma-treated cells demonstrated an 8 h time lag, which was followed by an increase over the next 16 h. Optimal expression of class II mRNA was detected after a 24 h incubation with IFN-gamma. This level of expression was further enhanced by the simultaneous addition of IFN-gamma and TNF-alpha to the astrocytes, while TNF-alpha alone had no effect on class II mRNA expression. TNF-alpha does not act by increasing the stability of IFN-gamma-induced class II mRNA, indicating its action is not at that specific level of post-transcriptional control. Furthermore, astrocyte class II mRNA expression was inhibited when cycloheximide (CHX) was added together with IFN-gamma or IFN-gamma/TNF-alpha, and when CHX was added up to 4 h after treatment with IFN-gamma or IFN-gamma/TNF-alpha. These results indicate that astrocyte class II mRNA expression is mediated by newly synthesized proteins induced by IFN-gamma and/or IFN-gamma/TNF-alpha. The expression of class II antigens on astrocytes, and cytokine modulation of their expression, may be important in the initiation and perpetuation of intracerebral immune responses.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

Astrocytes: DE, drug effects

\*Astrocytes: IM, immunology

\*Gene Expression Regulation: DE, drug effects

\*Histocompatibility Antigens Class II: GE, genetics

Histocompatibility Antigens Class II: IM, immunology  
\*Interferon Type II: PD, pharmacology  
Rats

Recombinant Proteins: PD, pharmacology

**\*RNA, Messenger: IM, immunology**

\*Tumor Necrosis Factor: PD, pharmacology

RN 82115-62-6 (Interferon Type II)

CN 0 (Histocompatibility Antigens Class II); 0 (Recombinant Proteins); 0  
(RNA, Messenger); 0 (Tumor Necrosis Factor)

L107 ANSWER 31 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 91007260 MEDLINE

DN 91007260

TI Purification and characterization of pre-mRNA splicing factor SF2 from  
HeLa cells.

AU Krainer A R; Conway G C; Kozak D

CS Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, New York 11724.

NC GM-42699 (NIGMS)

CA-13106 (NCI)

SO GENES AND DEVELOPMENT, (1990 Jul) 4 (7) 1158-71.

Journal code: FN3. ISSN: 0890-9369.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199101

AB SF2, an activity necessary for 5' splice site cleavage and lariat  
formation during pre-mRNA splicing in vitro, has been purified to near  
homogeneity from HeLa cells. The purest fraction contains only two related  
polypeptides of 33 kD. This fraction is sufficient to complement an S100  
fraction, which contains the remaining splicing factors, to splice several  
pre-mRNAs. The **optimal** amount of SF2 required for efficient  
splicing depends on the pre-mRNA substrate. SF2 is distinct from the hnRNP  
A1 and U1 snRNP a polypeptides, which are similar in size. Endogenous  
hnRNA copurifies with SF2, but this activity does not appear to have an  
essential RNA component. SF2 appear to be necessary for the assembly or  
**stabilization** of the earliest specific prespliceosome complex,  
although in the absence of other components, it can bind RNA in a  
nonspecific manner. SF2 copurifies with an activity that promotes the  
annealing of complementary RNAs. Thus, SF2 may promote specific RNA-RNA  
interactions between snRNAs and pre-mRNA, between complementary snRNA  
regions, and/or involving intramolecular pre-mRNA helices. Other purified  
proteins with RNA annealing activity cannot substitute for SF2 in the  
splicing reaction.

CT Check Tags: Comparative Study; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support,  
U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

\*Hela Cells: CH, chemistry

**Introns**

\*Nuclear Proteins: IP, isolation & purification

Nuclear Proteins: PH, physiology

Nucleic Acid Conformation

Ribonucleoproteins: ME, metabolism

**\*RNA Precursors: ME, metabolism**

**\*RNA Splicing**

**\*RNA, Messenger: BI, biosynthesis**

CN 0 (heterogeneous-nuclear ribonucleoproteins); 0 (splicing factor 2); 0  
(Nuclear Proteins); 0 (Ribonucleoproteins); 0 (Ribonucleoproteins, Small  
Nuclear); 0 (RNA Precursors); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L107 ANSWER 32 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 91006076 MEDLINE

DN 91006076

TI Translational control by cytoplasmic polyadenylation during Xenopus oocyte  
maturation: characterization of cis and trans elements and regulation by  
cyclin/MPF.

AU McGrew L L; Richter J D

CS Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology, Shrewsbury, MA 01545..  
SO EMBO JOURNAL, (1990 Nov) 9 (11) 3743-51.  
Journal code: EMB. ISSN: 0261-4189.  
CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals  
EM 199101  
AB The expression of certain maternal mRNAs during oocyte maturation is regulated by cytoplasmic polyadenylation. To understand this process, we have focused on a maternal mRNA from *Xenopus* termed G10. This mRNA is stored in the cytoplasm of stage 6 oocytes until maturation when the process of poly(A) elongation stimulates its translation. Deletion analysis of the 3' untranslated region of G10 RNA has revealed that two sequence elements, UUUUUUAU and AAUAAA were both necessary and sufficient for polyadenylation and polysomal recruitment. In this communication, we have defined the U-rich region that is **optimal** for polyadenylation as UUUUUUAUAAAG, henceforth referred to as the cytoplasmic polyadenylation element (CPE). We have also identified unique sequence requirements in the 3' terminus of the RNA that can modulate polyadenylation even in the presence of wild-type cis elements. A time course of cytoplasmic polyadenylation in vivo shows that it is an early event of maturation and that it requires protein synthesis within the first 15 min of exposure to progesterone. MPF and cyclin can both induce polyadenylation but, at least with respect to MPF, cannot obviate the requirement for protein synthesis. To identify factors that may be responsible for maturation-specific polyadenylation, we employed extracts from oocytes and unfertilized eggs, the latter of which correctly polyadenylates exogenously added RNA. UV crosslinking demonstrated that an 82 kd protein binds to the U-rich CPE in egg, but not oocyte, extracts. The data suggest that progesterone, either in addition to or through MPF/cyclin, induces the synthesis of a factor during very early maturation that stimulates polyadenylation. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)  
CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
**Base Sequence**  
Carrier Proteins: PH, physiology  
Cyclins: PH, physiology  
Cycloheximide: PD, pharmacology  
Cytoplasm: ME, metabolism  
**DNA Mutational Analysis**  
\*Gene Expression Regulation  
Maturation-Promoting Factor: ME, metabolism  
Molecular Sequence Data  
\*Oocytes: PH, physiology  
\*Poly A: ME, metabolism  
Polyribosomes: ME, metabolism  
Progesterone: PD, pharmacology  
**Regulatory Sequences, Nucleic Acid**  
**RNA Processing, Post-Transcriptional**  
**RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics**  
\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism  
\*Translation, Genetic  
\*Xenopus laevis: PH, physiology  
RN 24937-83-5 (Poly A); 57-83-0 (Progesterone); 66-81-9 (Cycloheximide)  
CN 0 (Carrier Proteins); 0 (Cyclins); 0 (Maturation-Promoting Factor); 0 (RNA-Binding Proteins); 0 (RNA, Messenger)  
L107 ANSWER 33 OF 41 MEDLINE  
AN 90356586 MEDLINE  
DN 90356586  
TI Amplification of mRNA of the hprt gene from lysates of mutant human cells and direct DNA sequencing to determine the spectrum of mutations induced by (+/-)-7 beta,8 alpha-dihydroxy-9 alpha,10 alpha, epoxy-7,8,9,10-tetrahydrobenzo[a]pyrene.  
AU Maher V M; Yang J L; McCormick J J

CS Department of Microbiology, Michigan State University, East Lansing  
48824..

NC CA21253 (NCI)  
ER60524

SO PROGRESS IN CLINICAL AND BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH, (1990) 340A  
379-88.  
Journal code: PZ5. ISSN: 0361-7742.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199011

AB Strong evidence points to mutation induction as one mechanism by which changes are introduced into normal cells to convert them into cancer cells. To understand the mechanisms by which mutations are induced in human cells by carcinogens, we are determining the kinds and spectra of mutations induced in the coding region of the hypoxanthine(guanine)phosphoribosyltransferase (hprt) gene. This region, composed of 654 bp, represents nine exons from a 44 kbp gene. To be able to analyze a large number of independent mutants rapidly and economically, we have **optimized** the conditions for copying mRNA directly from lysates of a small number of cells (e.g., 100) from a 6-thioguanine-resistant clone using reverse transcriptase and oligo(dT)12-18 primers. Then two 20-mer primers, specific for the cDNA of the hprt gene, are used to amplify the first and second strand cDNA 5 x 10(7)-fold during 30 cycles of polymerase chain reaction (PCR). The product (2 to 10 ng) is then purified by ultrafiltration, diluted 1:10, and subjected to an additional 30 cycles of PCR, using two 20-mer primers located just interior to the first set. The amplification product, 5 to 10 ug, is sequenced directly using three other end-labeled primers and Sequenase. To date, we have analyzed 26 mutants induced by (+-)-7 beta,8 alpha-dihydroxy-9 alpha,10 alpha,epoxy-7,8,9,10-tetrahydrobenzo [a]pyrene and found that 24/26 involved base substitutions. 97% of these involved G.C, predominantly G.C---T.A, distributed over seven exons, with many of the substitutions located in exon 3.

CT Check Tags: Comparative Study; Human; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

**\*Base Sequence**  
Clone Cells: AN, analysis

**\*Dihydroxydihydrobenzopyrenes: PD, pharmacology**  
DNA: GE, genetics

**\*DNA Mutational Analysis**  
DNA, Recombinant: AN, analysis  
Fibroblasts: AN, analysis  
Fibroblasts: DE, drug effects

**\*Hypoxanthine Phosphoribosyltransferase: GE, genetics**  
Polymerase Chain Reaction

**\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics**  
**\*7,8-Dihydro-7,8-dihydroxybenzo(a)pyrene 9,10-oxide: PD, pharmacology**

RN 55097-80-8 (7,8-Dihydro-7,8-dihydroxybenzo(a)pyrene 9,10-oxide); 9007-49-2 (DNA)

CN EC 2.4.2.8 (Hypoxanthine Phosphoribosyltransferase); 0 (Dihydroxydihydrobenzopyrenes); 0 (DNA, Recombinant); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L107 ANSWER 34 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 90211260 MEDLINE

DN 90211260

TI Codon usage pattern in alpha 2(I) chain domain of chicken type I collagen and its implications for the secondary structure of the mRNA and the synthesis pauses of the collagen.

AU Zama M

CS Biology Division, National Institute of Radiological Sciences, Chiba-shi, Japan..

SO BIOCHEMICAL AND BIOPHYSICAL RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS, (1990 Mar 16)  
167 (2) 772-6.  
Journal code: 9Y8. ISSN: 0006-291X.

CY United States



DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 199007  
AB A **stability** map of local secondary structure of the mRNA of the triple-helical alpha 2(I) chain domain of chicken type I collagen was obtained by plotting the free energy of the **optimal** secondary structure of a local segment in mRNA against the segment position along a base sequence of the mRNA. It was found that the positions of the minima of free energy in the plot coincide with the positions where synthesis pauses of the alpha-chain polypeptides of the corresponding sizes translated from the mRNA have been reported to occur (1). The codon usage pattern of each of the three major amino acids of the alpha-chain domain of the collagen, Gly, Pro and Ala, fluctuates considerably along the base sequence segments of the mRNA and a deviation of the pattern from that of the average of the whole alpha 2(I) chain domain mRNA, particularly for Gly codons, leads to a loss of the **stability** of the local secondary structure of the mRNA. The results suggest that selection has operated on the codon usage to **optimize** the secondary structure characteristic of the mRNA of the chicken collagen alpha 2(I) chain domain which leads to a nonuniform polypeptide elongation pattern.

CT Check Tags: Animal  
Chickens  
\*Codon: GE, genetics  
Collagen: BI, biosynthesis  
\*Collagen: GE, genetics  
\*Genes, Structural  
Macromolecular Systems  
\*Nucleic Acid Conformation  
\*Procollagen: GE, genetics  
\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

RN 9007-34-5 (Collagen)  
CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Macromolecular Systems); 0 (Procollagen); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L107 ANSWER 35 OF 41 MEDLINE  
AN 90101372 MEDLINE  
DN 90101372  
TI Changing the start codon context of the 30K gene of tobacco mosaic virus from "weak" to "strong" does not increase expression.  
AU Lehto K; Dawson W O  
CS Department of Plant Pathology, University of California, Riverside 92521..  
SO VIROLOGY, (1990 Jan) 174 (1) 169-76.  
Journal code: XEA. ISSN: 0042-6822.

CY United States  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 199004  
AB The translation initiation region of the 30K gene of tobacco mosaic virus (TMV) was modified by in vitro mutagenesis to create more **optimal** start codon contexts. A complicating factor was that modifications in this region also altered the 3' terminus of the 183K ORF that overlaps the 30K ORF. An insertion of GACUCGA between nucleotides 4901 and 4902 resulted in a purine (G) in position -3 relative to the AUG creating a "stronger" start codon context, but this also changed the last four amino acids of the 183K protein. This mutant was infectious, replicated efficiently, but produced reduced amounts of 30K protein. Despite the reduced amount of movement protein, this mutant spread effectively from cell to cell and had a phenotype indistinguishable from that of wild-type virus. A more conservative mutation inserted GAC between TMV nucleotides 4901 and 4902 resulting in a "strong" start codon context (ACGAUGG) and modification of the 183K protein only by insertion of an aspartic acid adjacent to a native aspartic acid. This modification did not enhance the production of 30K protein. These data demonstrate consensus sequences that are **optimal** for other eukaryotic systems did not cause increased expression of the 30K gene in vivo. The modified sequences of both mutants

were **stably** maintained during relatively long periods of replication. Even though each mutant replicated efficiently, when mixed with wild-type TMV, neither mutant effectively competed with the wild-type virus. Another mutant which removed the native 30K AUG to determine whether subsequent internal start codons with "stronger" contexts would function in its absence was constructed. However, this mutant and a mutant that fused the 183K reading frame to the 30K reading frame did not replicate and move in intact plants.

CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.

**Base Sequence**

Blotting, Western

\*Codon: GE, genetics

\*Gene Expression Regulation, Viral

Molecular Sequence Data

Mutation

\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

\*RNA, Viral: GE, genetics

\*Tobacco Mosaic Virus: GE, genetics

Tobacco Mosaic Virus: PH, physiology

Transcription, Genetic

Translation, Genetic

Virus Replication

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Viral)

L107 ANSWER 36 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 90034173 MEDLINE

DN 90034173

TI Mature apolipoprotein AI and its precursor proApoAI: influence of the sequence at the 5' end of the gene on the efficiency of expression in *Escherichia coli*.

AU Isacchi A; Sarmientos P; Lorenzetti R; Soria M

CS Department of Biotechnology, Farmitalia Carlo Erba, Milano, Italy..

SO GENE, (1989 Sep 1) 81 (1) 129-37.

Journal code: FOP. ISSN: 0378-1119.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199002

AB Apolipoprotein AI (ApoAI) plays a central role in the regulation of lipid metabolism. Initial attempts to express human apoAI cDNA in *Escherichia coli* did not yield detectable levels of the mature protein. By analyzing the efficiency of expression of apoAI-lacZ gene fusions, we have been able to show that the sequence at the 5' end of the ApoAI-coding region is a critical parameter. Indeed, silent changes in the codons for the first 8 residues of ApoAI, which did not alter the amino acid sequence, affected expression dramatically. Analysis of the corresponding mRNA steady-state levels suggested a role for differential mRNA **stability** in the control of apoAI expression in this system. Among all the possible alternative sequences, we have identified an **optimal** sequence which, when reinserted in the original expression plasmid, yields high level production of mature ApoAI. This procedure has been extended to the production of the natural variant ApoAI-Milano and the precursor proApoAI. Availability of these recombinant molecules would allow the investigation of their structural and biological features. In addition, the methodology used to **optimize** ApoAI expression is of general interest in assuring high expression of heterologous proteins in *E. coli*.

CT **Amino Acid Sequence**

Apolipoproteins A: BI, biosynthesis

\*Apolipoproteins A: GE, genetics

**Base Sequence**

Blotting, Western

Cloning, Molecular

\**Escherichia coli*: GE, genetics

**Genes, Bacterial**

Mutation

Oligodeoxyribonucleotides

Plasmids

\*Protein Precursors: GE, genetics

Recombinant Proteins: BI, biosynthesis

Recombinant Proteins: GE, genetics

Restriction Mapping

\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

CN 0 (pro-apolipoprotein A-I); 0 (Apolipoprotein A-I); 0 (Apolipoproteins A);  
0 (Oligodeoxyribonucleotides); 0 (Plasmids); 0 (Protein Precursors); 0  
(Recombinant Proteins); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L107 ANSWER 37 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 89289712 MEDLINE

DN 89289712

TI Effect of spermine on the efficiency and fidelity of the codon-specific  
binding of tRNA to the ribosomes.

AU Naranda T; Kucan Z

CS Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb,  
Jugoslaviya..

SO EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF BIOCHEMISTRY, (1989 Jun 15) 182 (2) 291-7.

Journal code: EMZ. ISSN: 0014-2956.

CY GERMANY, WEST: Germany, Federal Republic of

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 198910

AB Binding of the yeast Tyr-tRNA and Phe-tRNA to the A site, and the binding  
of their acetyl derivatives to the P site of poly(U11,A)-programmed  
Escherichia coli ribosomes was studied. Spermine stimulated the rate of  
binding of both tRNAs at least threefold, enabling more than 90% final  
saturation of both ribosomal binding sites. The effect is observed when  
the tRNAs, but not ribosomes or poly(U11,A), are preincubated with  
polyamine. Regardless of the binding site, **optimal** saturation  
was reached at spermine/tRNA molar ratios of 3 for tRNA(Phe) and 5 for  
tRNA(Tyr). The same low spermine/tRNA ratios were previously reported to  
**stabilize** the conformation of these tRNAs in solution. On the  
other hand, the messenger-free, EF-Tu- and EF-G-dependent polymerization  
of lysine from E. coli Lys-tRNA is drastically reduced, while the  
poly(A)-directed polymerization is stimulated by spermine through a wide  
range of Mg2+ concentrations. Misreading of UUU codons as isoleucine,  
assayed by the A-site binding of E. coli Ile-tRNA, is also inhibited by  
spermine. All these results demonstrate that spermine increases the  
efficiency and accuracy of a series of macromolecular interactions leading  
to the correct incorporation of an amino acid into protein, at the same  
time preventing some unspecific or erroneous interactions. From the  
analogy with its known structural effects, it can be inferred that  
spermine does so by conferring on the tRNA a specific biologically  
functional conformation.

CT Binding Sites

\*Codon: ME, metabolism

Escherichia coli: ME, metabolism

Poly U: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Ribosomal: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Transfer: ME, metabolism

RNA, Transfer, Phe: ME, metabolism

RNA, Transfer, Tyr: ME, metabolism

\*Spermine: PD, pharmacology

Time Factors

Yeasts: ME, metabolism

RN 27416-86-0 (Poly U); 71-44-3 (Spermine); 9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Ribosomal); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Phe);  
0 (RNA, Transfer, Tyr)

L107 ANSWER 38 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 89130941 MEDLINE

DN 89130941  
 TI Control of reovirus messenger RNA translation efficiency by the regions upstream of initiation codons.  
 AU Roner M R; Gaillard R K Jr; Joklik W K  
 CS Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina 27710.  
 NC R01 AI 08909 (NIAID)  
 1P01 CA 30246 (NCI)  
 5T 32 AI 07148 (NIAID)  
 SO VIROLOGY, (1989 Feb) 168 (2) 292-301.  
 Journal code: XEA. ISSN: 0042-6822.  
 CY United States  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
 EM 198905  
 AB The 10 species of reovirus messenger RNA are translated in vivo with efficiencies/frequencies that differ by as much as 100-fold. The s1 mRNA, which is translated 10 times less efficiently than the s4 mRNA but 10 times more efficiently than the l1 and m1 mRNAs, has a unique BamHI cleavage site located immediately downstream of its initiation codon. Because the reovirus mRNAs have been cloned, this provides the opportunity for placing modified and altered sequences upstream of its coding sequence. The translation efficiencies of the variant mRNAs, transcribed via the SP6 in vitro transcription system, can then be measured in the rabbit reticulocyte lysate in vitro translation system. Using this system it was found that replacing the 5'-upstream sequence of the s1 mRNA with that of the s4 mRNA increases its in vitro translation efficiency by 4-fold; that the trinucleotide immediately upstream of the s1 initiation codon renders it very weak, and that it is only slightly superior to the weakest Kozak consensus sequence; that the nature of the nucleotides further upstream than position -3 can profoundly affect translation efficiency; that the nature of this effect is in turn markedly modified by the nature of nucleotides in positions -1 to -3; and that there is a minimum **optimal** 5'-upstream sequence length of about 14 nucleotides. We also investigated the effect of secondary structure involvement on the ability of 5'-upstream sequences to promote translation. Two effects were noted. First, being part of moderately **stable** stem loops (delta G, -18 kcal/mol) decreased translation efficiency about 3-fold; second, mRNA in which only three 5'-terminal nucleotides were unpaired were translated five times less efficiently than mRNA in which six nucleotides were unpaired. Accessibility of the 5'-cap as well as secondary structure of the 5'-upstream sequences are therefore factors that affect translation efficiency. Finally, we showed that the m1 mRNA, which is transcribed very poorly in vivo, is translated very efficiently in vitro; and that its 5'-upstream sequence is as effective in increasing protein sigma 1 formation as that of s4 mRNA. Since both m1 mRNA and protein mu 2 are **stable** in infected cells, the reason why m1 mRNA is translated so inefficiently in vivo therefore remains unexplained.  
 CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
 Codon  
 Genes, Viral  
 Nucleic Acid Conformation  
 \*Reoviridae: GE, genetics  
 \*Reovirus 3: GE, genetics  
 \*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
 RNA, Viral: GE, genetics  
 \*Translation, Genetic  
 CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Viral)  
 L107 ANSWER 39 OF 41 MEDLINE  
 AN 89098942 MEDLINE  
 DN 89098942  
 TI Presence of the hypermodified nucleotide N6-(delta 2-isopentenyl)-2-methylthioadenosine prevents codon misreading by Escherichia coli

phenylalanyl-transfer RNA.

AU Wilson R K; Roe B A

CS Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Oklahoma, Norman 73019.

NC GM30400 (NIGMS)

SO PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, (1989 Jan) 86 (2) 409-13.  
Journal code: PV3. ISSN: 0027-8424.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 198904

AB The overall structure of transfer RNA is **optimized** for its various functions by a series of unique post-transcriptional nucleotide modifications. Since many of these modifications are conserved from prokaryotes through higher eukaryotes, it has been proposed that most modified nucleotides serve to **optimize** the ability of the tRNA to accurately interact with other components of the protein synthesizing machinery. When a cloned synthetic Escherichia coli tRNA<sup>Phe</sup> gene was transfected into a bacterial host that carried a defective phenylalanine tRNA-synthetase gene, tRNA<sup>Phe</sup> was overexpressed by 11-fold. As a result of this overexpression, an undermodified tRNA<sup>Phe</sup> species was produced that lacked only N6-(delta 2-isopentenyl)-2-methylthioadenosine (ms2i6A), a hypermodified nucleotide found immediately 3' to the anticodon of all major E. coli tRNAs that read UNN codons. To investigate the role of ms2i6A in E. coli tRNA, we compared the aminoacylation kinetics and in vitro codon-reading properties of the ms2i6A-lacking and normal fully modified tRNA<sup>Phe</sup> species. The results of these experiments indicate that while ms2i6A is not required for normal aminoacylation of tRNA<sup>Phe</sup>, its presence **stabilizes** codon-anticodon interaction and thereby prevents misreading of the genetic code.

CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
\*Adenosine: AA, analogs & derivatives  
    **Amino Acid Sequence**  
    **Base Sequence**  
        Chromatography, Thin Layer  
        Cloning, Molecular  
\*Codon: GE, genetics  
\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
    Fractionation  
    **Gene Expression Regulation**  
\*Isopentenyladenosine: AA, analogs & derivatives  
    Isopentenyladenosine: GE, genetics  
    Isopentenyladenosine: ME, metabolism  
    Kinetics  
    **Molecular Sequence Data**  
        Phenylalanine-tRNA Ligase: GE, genetics  
\*RNA Processing, Post-Transcriptional  
\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
\*RNA, Transfer, Amino Acid-Specific: ME, metabolism  
    RNA, Transfer, Phe: BI, biosynthesis  
    RNA, Transfer, Phe: GE, genetics  
    RNA, Transfer, Phe: IP, isolation & purification  
\*RNA, Transfer, Phe: ME, metabolism  
    Transcription, Genetic  
    Translation, Genetic

RN 20859-00-1 (2-methylthio-N-6-isopentenyladenosine); 58-61-7 (Adenosine); 7724-76-7 (Isopentenyladenosine)

CN EC 6.1.1.20 (Phenylalanine-tRNA Ligase); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Amino Acid-Specific); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Phe)

L107 ANSWER 40 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 85037936 MEDLINE

DN 85037936

TI The influence of mRNA primary and secondary structure on human IFN-gamma

gene expression in E. coli.

AU Tessier L H; Sondermeyer P; Faure T; Dreyer D; Benavente A; Villeval D; Courtney M; Lecocq J P

SO NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, (1984 Oct 25) 12 (20) 7663-75.  
Journal code: O8L. ISSN: 0305-1048.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 198502

AB Parameters influencing the efficiency of expression of the human immune interferon (IFN-gamma) gene in E. coli were studied by comparing a series of eight in vitro-derived gene variants. These contained all possible combinations of silent mutations in the first three codons of the mature IFN-gamma polypeptide coding sequence. Expression levels varied up to 50-fold among the different constructions. Comparison of messenger RNA secondary structure models for each variant suggested that the presence of stem-loop structures blocking the translation initiation signals could drastically decrease the efficiency of IFN-gamma synthesis. With variants displaying no **stable** mRNA secondary structure in the region, a C----U transition at position +11 after the AUG resulted in a 5-fold increase in expression indicating that RNA primary structure also plays an important role in expression. In addition we demonstrate that, in this system, a spacing of 8 nucleotides between the Shine-Dalgarno region and AUG was **optimal** for gene expression and that the steady-state production level of IFN-gamma rose exponentially with increasing rate of synthesis.

CT Check Tags: Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
**Base Sequence**  
\*Cloning, Molecular  
DNA: IP, isolation & purification  
DNA Restriction Enzymes  
\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
**\*Genes, Structural**  
\*Interferon Type II: GE, genetics  
Nucleic Acid Conformation  
**\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics**  
Software

RN 82115-62-6 (Interferon Type II); 9007-49-2 (DNA)

CN EC 3.1.21 (DNA Restriction Enzymes); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L107 ANSWER 41 OF 41 MEDLINE

AN 84170253 MEDLINE

DN 84170253

TI Identification of cDNA clones encoding secretory isoenzyme forms: sequence determination of canine pancreatic prechymotrypsinogen 2 mRNA.

AU Pinsky S D; LaForge K S; Luc V; Scheele G

NC AMDD 18532

SO PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, (1983 Dec) 80 (24) 7486-90.  
Journal code: PV3. ISSN: 0027-8424.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

OS GENBANK-K01173

EM 198407

AB A cDNA library has been constructed from canine poly(A)+ mRNA. Clones containing cDNA inserts coding for prechymotrypsinogen 2 (isoelectric point = 7.1; Mr = 27,500), one of three canine pancreatic isoenzyme forms, were selected by colony hybridization using a cDNA probe synthesized from immunoselected prechymotrypsinogen 2 mRNA. To verify that cDNA clones code for prechymotrypsinogen 2 forms that translocate across rough endoplasmic reticulum membranes and fold into **stable** and identifiable secretory proteins, we conducted in vitro translation of hybrid-selected mRNA in the presence of microsomal membranes and **optimal**

concentrations of glutathione and analyzed nascent translation products in their nonreduced state by two-dimensional isoelectric focusing/NaDodSO<sub>4</sub> gel electrophoresis and fluorography. A near full-length chymotrypsinogen 2 cDNA and its primed extension were used to determine the nucleotide sequence for the entire coding region of prechymotrypsinogen 2 mRNA and 87 residues, including a poly(A) addition signal, in the 3' nontranslated region. The deduced amino acid sequence shows a 263-residue presecretory protein containing an 18-residue amino-terminal transport peptide (Met-Ala-Phe-Leu-Trp-Leu-Leu-Ser-Phe-Ala-Leu-Leu-Gly-Thr-Ala-Phe-Gly), which we have previously shown to mediate the translocation of chymotrypsinogen 2 across the rough endoplasmic reticulum membrane. Following the transport peptide is a 245-residue proenzyme, which shows 82% and 80% sequence identity with bovine chymotrypsinogens A and B, respectively. Conserved among the three zymogens are 10 Cys residues that form five disulfide bonds in bovine chymotrypsinogens A and B and the residues that are required for zymogen activation, substrate binding, and catalytic activity.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Comparative Study; Human; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

**Amino Acid Sequence**

**Base Sequence**

\*Chymotrypsinogen: GE, genetics

\*Cloning, Molecular

Dogs

\*DNA: ME, metabolism

\*Enzyme Precursors: GE, genetics

**\*Genes, Structural**

Nucleic Acid Hybridization

\*Pancreas: EN, enzymology

**\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics**

Species Specificity

RN 89190-71-6 (prechymotrypsinogen 2); 9007-49-2 (DNA); 9035-75-0 (Chymotrypsinogen)

CN 0 (Enzyme Precursors); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

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L108 ANSWER 1 OF 2 MEDLINE

AN 2000386951 MEDLINE

DN 20316085

TI Studies on codon usage in *Entamoeba histolytica*.

AU Ghosh T C; Gupta S K; Majumdar S

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SO INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL FOR PARASITOLOGY, (2000 May) 30 (6) 715-22.

Journal code: GSB. ISSN: 0020-7519.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

OS GENBANK-AB002796; GENBANK-AB013399; GENBANK-AB082519; GENBANK-AF013986;

GENBANK-AF017993; GENBANK-AF055340; GENBANK-AF085196; GENBANK-L02417;

GENBANK-L02418; GENBANK-L03534; GENBANK-L10411; GENBANK-L34567;

GENBANK-L35898; GENBANK-M19871; GENBANK-M80910; GENBANK-M84155;

GENBANK-M84652; GENBANK-M88600; GENBANK-M92073; GENBANK-U01051;

GENBANK-U01052; GENBANK-U01053; GENBANK-U01055; GENBANK-U02529;

GENBANK-U09736; GENBANK-U29270; GENBANK-U30149; GENBANK-U70560;

GENBANK-U83615; GENBANK-U89655; +

EM 200010

AB Codon usage bias of *Entamoeba histolytica*, a protozoan parasite, was investigated using the available DNA sequence data. *Entamoeba histolytica* having AT rich genome, is expected to have A and/or T at the third position of codons. Overall codon usage data analysis indicates that A and/or T ending codons are strongly biased in the coding region of this organism. However, multivariate statistical analysis suggests that there

is a single major trend in codon usage variation among the genes. The genes which are supposed to be highly expressed are clustered at one end, while the majority of the putatively lowly expressed genes are clustered at the other end. The codon usage pattern is distinctly different in these two sets of genes. C ending codons are significantly higher in the putatively highly expressed genes suggesting that C ending codons are translationally **optimal** in this organism. In the putatively lowly expressed genes A and/or T ending codons are predominant, which suggests that compositional constraints are playing the major role in shaping codon usage variation among the lowly expressed genes. These results suggest that both mutational bias and translational selection are operational in the codon usage variation in this organism.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

**\*Codon**

**DNA Mutational Analysis**

DNA, Protozoan: CH, chemistry

\*Entamoeba histolytica: GE, genetics

Gene Library

Molecular Sequence Data

Structure-Activity Relationship

Variation (Genetics)

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Protozoan)

L108 ANSWER 2 OF 2 MEDLINE

AN 2000171175 MEDLINE

DN 20171175

TI Cloning and characterization of the gene encoding the highly expressed ribosomal protein L3 of the ciliated protozoan *Tetrahymena thermophila*. Evidence for differential codon usage in highly expressed genes.

AU Larsen L K; Andreassen P H; Dreisig H; Palm L; Nielsen H; Engberg J; Kristiansen K

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SO CELL BIOLOGY INTERNATIONAL, (1999) 23 (8) 551-60.

Journal code: BPN. ISSN: 1065-6995.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 200006

EW 20000603

AB We have cloned and characterized the cDNA and the macronuclear genomic copy of the highly conserved ribosomal protein (r-protein) L3 of *Tetrahymena thermophila*. The r-protein L3 is encoded by a single copy gene interrupted by one intron. The organization of the promoter region exhibits features characteristic of ribosomal protein genes in *Tetrahymena*. The codon usage of the L3 gene is highly biased. A thorough analysis of codon usage in *Tetrahymena* genes revealed that genes could be categorized into two classes according to codon usage bias. Class A comprises r-protein genes and a number of other highly expressed genes. Class B comprises weakly expressed genes such as the conjugation induced CnjB and CnjC genes, but surprisingly, this class also contains abundantly expressed genes such as the genes encoding the surface antigens SerH3 and SerH1. Codon usage is slightly more restricted in class A than in class B, but both classes exhibit distinct and different codon usage biases. Class A genes preferentially use C and U in the silent third codon positions, whereas class B genes preferentially use A and U in the silent third codon positions. The analysis suggests that two different strategies have been employed for **optimization** of codon usage in the A+T-rich genome of *Tetrahymena*. Copyright 1999 Academic Press.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Base Sequence

Cloning, Molecular

**\*Codon: GE, genetics**

**DNA Mutational Analysis**

Gene Expression Regulation



## Gene Library

Genes, Protozoan

Introns: GE, genetics

Molecular Sequence Data

Mutation

Promoter Regions (Genetics): GE, genetics

Protozoan Proteins: GE, genetics

\*Ribosomal Proteins: GE, genetics

\*Tetrahymena thermophila: GE, genetics

CN 0 (ribosomal protein L3); 0 (Codon); 0 (Protozoan Proteins); 0 (Ribosomal Proteins)

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L57 252047 S RNA+NT/CT  
 L58 95278 S L57/MAJ  
 L59 41410 S L58 AND RNA, MESSENGER+NT/CT  
 L60 87700 S L58 AND PY<=1998  
 L61 37303 S L59 AND L60  
 L62 50 S L61 AND GENES, SYNTHETIC+NT/CT  
 L63 1277 S L61 AND RECOMBINATION, GENETIC+NT/CT  
 L64 9336 S L61 AND GENE EXPRESSION REGULATION+NT/CT  
 L65 14554 S L61 AND BASE SEQUENCE+NT/CT  
 L66 401 S L61 AND BASE COMPOSITION+NT/CT  
 L67 2934 S L61 AND CODON+NT/CT  
 L68 628 S L61 AND INTRONS+NT/CT  
 L69 2919 S L61 AND G5.331.375.700./CT  
 L70 3505 S L61 AND GENETIC CODE+NT/CT  
 L71 948 S L61 AND EXONS+NT/CT  
 L72 492 S L61 AND (OPTIMAL? OR OPTIMIZ?)  
 L73 3192 S L61 AND (STABIL? OR STABL?)  
 L74 276 S L72 AND L62-L71  
 L75 2131 S L73 AND L62-L71  
 L76 43 S L74 AND L75  
 L77 143314 S RNA, MESSENGER+NT/CT  
 L78 34 S L77/MAJ AND L76  
 L79 34 S L78 AND G5./CT  
 L80 6319 S L18  
 L81 9461 S FACTOR VIII+NT/CT  
 L82 9463 S L80,L81  
 L83 14 S L77/MAJ AND L82  
 L84 57 S L77 AND G5./CT AND L82  
 L85 12 S L84 AND L62-L76  
 L86 92 S L79,L83-L85  
 L87 4 S L86 AND (GENETIC VECTORS+NT)/CT  
 L88 288 S DNA MUTATIONAL ANALYSIS+NT/CT AND L77/MAJ  
 L89 2 S L88 AND L82  
 L90 92 S L86,L87,L89  
 L91 226 S L88 AND L62-L76  
 L92 31873 S SEQUENCE ANALYSIS, DNA+NT/CT  
 L93 493 S SEQUENCE ANALYSIS, RNA+NT/CT  
 L94 53 S L93 AND L77/MAJ  
 L95 145 S L90,L94  
 L96 440 S L93 NOT L95  
 L97 501 S L77/MAJ AND (OPTIMAL? OR OPTIMIZ?)  
 L98 34 S L97 AND L79  
 L99 1 S L97 AND L82  
 L100 35 S L97 AND L86  
 L101 2 S L97 AND L87  
 L102 9 S L97 AND L88  
 L103 35 S L97 AND L90

L104 7 S L97 AND L91  
L105 36 S L97 AND L95  
L106 43 S L98-L105  
L107 41 S L106 AND L60  
L108 2 S L106 NOT L107

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L109 33918 S L77/MAJ AND PY<=1998  
L110 87700 S L60,L109  
L111 17 S L110 AND FURIN  
L112 23 S L110 AND PACE  
L113 40 S L111,L112  
L114 0 S L111 AND L112  
L115 99 S HYBRIDIZATION+NT/CT AND L77/MAJ  
L116 66 S L115 NOT AB/FA  
L117 33 S L115 NOT L116  
L118 99 S L115 AND L60,L62-L76,L82,L83-L91,L93  
L119 33 S L117 AND L118  
L120 10911 S CODON+NT/CT  
L121 2171 S L120/MAJ AND L77/MAJ  
L122 2171 S L120/MAJ AND L57/MAJ  
L123 2171 S L121,L122  
L124 1869 S L123 AND PY<=1998  
L125 61 S L124 AND (OPTIMAL? OR OPTIMIZ?)  
L126 111 S L124 AND (STABIL? OR STABL?)  
L127 164 S L125,L126  
L128 2 S L127 NOT AB/FA  
L129 164 S L127,L128  
L130 0 S L118 AND L129  
L131 53 S L129 AND (SYNTH? OR BIOSYN?)  
L132 119 S L129 AND RNA  
L133 60 S L129 AND MRNA  
L134 126 S L132,L133

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L134 ANSWER 1 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 1998332220 MEDLINE

DN 98332220

TI An RNA model system for investigation of pseudouridine  
**stabilization** of the codon-anticodon interaction in tRNA<sup>Lys</sup>,  
tRNA<sup>His</sup> and tRNA<sup>Tyr</sup>.

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NC GM55508 (NIGMS)

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CA42014 (NCI)

SO JOURNAL OF BIOMOLECULAR STRUCTURE AND DYNAMICS, (1998 Jun) 15

(6) 1121-32.

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CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199812

EW 19981201

AB The nucleoside conformation of pseudouridine (psi) was investigated in a series of RNA oligonucleotides and compared with the same sequences containing the parent, unmodified uridine nucleoside. 1H NMR spectroscopy was used to determine the glycosyl conformational preference in pseudouridine systems at the nucleoside level; these experiments were extended to trimers, and ultimately to RNA tetraloop hairpins that are models for the codon-anticodon interaction in tRNA. ROESY 1D and 2D NMR experiments were used to measure the nucleoside conformational

preference as a function of temperature. The thermodynamic **stability** of the **RNA** tetraloops was also analyzed using UV monitored  $T_m$  experiments which established that pseudouridine has a very strong **stabilizing** effect on double-stranded, base pairing interactions when the modification is located within a base-paired region. This was shown for a tetraloop hairpin model of the codon-anticodon interaction in tRNA(Tyr) which contains a psi at position 35. Pseudouridine also **stabilizes** double-stranded **RNA** when the psi modification is in a single-stranded region adjacent to a duplex region as occurs for psi at positions 38 or 39 in tRNA(Lys) and tRNA(His). These results establish that pseudouridine modification of **RNA** is a powerful and versatile mechanism for **stabilizing** local **RNA** structure in both single-stranded and double-stranded regions. Previously postulated roles for pseudouridine as a "conformational switch" are unlikely in light of the increased barrier to rotation about the glycosyl bond upon modification of uridine to pseudouridine. The  $T_m$  and NMR data show that local **RNA** stacking **stabilization** as a result of psi will **stabilize** adjacent double-stranded **RNA** regions such as the codon-anticodon interaction in tRNA.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

\*Anticodon

\*Codon

\*Models, Molecular

\*Nucleic Acid Conformation

Protons

\*Pseudouridine

\*RNA, Bacterial: CH, chemistry

\*RNA, Transfer, His: CH, chemistry

\*RNA, Transfer, Lys: CH, chemistry

\*RNA, Transfer, Tyr: CH, chemistry

Spectrophotometry, Ultraviolet

Thermodynamics

RN 1445-07-4 (Pseudouridine)

CN 0 (Anticodon); 0 (Codon); 0 (Protons); 0 (RNA, Bacterial); 0 (RNA, Transfer, His); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Lys); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Tyr)

L134 ANSWER 2 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 1998161533 MEDLINE

DN 98161533

TI A splice-site mutation that induces exon skipping and reduction in lysyl hydroxylase mRNA levels but does not create a nonsense codon in Ehlers-Danlos syndrome type VI.

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SO DNA AND CELL BIOLOGY, (1998 Feb) 17 (2) 117-23.

Journal code: AF9. ISSN: 1044-5498.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199805

EW 19980503

AB The type VI variant of Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (EDS) is a heritable connective tissue disorder caused by a deficiency in the activity of lysyl hydroxylase, an enzyme required for the post-translational processing of collagens. We have characterized a novel type of mutation in a young female patient with type VI EDS, in which cells possess only 12% of the lysyl hydroxylase activity that is detected in unaffected cells. The syndrome was found to be caused by a homozygous insertion of two thymidines at the 5' splice site consensus sequence of intron 9 in the lysyl hydroxylase gene. The insertion interfered with normal splicing of the primary **RNA** transcript and resulted in an inframe deletion

of the 132 nucleotides coded by exon 9 from the lysyl hydroxylase **mRNA**. In addition, the mutation caused a marked reduction in the steady-state level of the truncated **mRNA**, which was less than 15% of the level found in unaffected cells. The mutation also reduced the amount of the enzyme protein produced, which was estimated to be about 20% of that in control cells. However, the mutation did not affect the **stability** of the abnormally spliced **mRNA** nor the normal localization of the enzyme protein in the endoplasmic reticulum. According to our results, the reduction in enzymatic activity observed in this patient is caused by low levels of both lysyl hydroxylase **mRNA** and enzyme protein. The primary cellular defect associated with this mutation, therefore, appears to be at the level of nuclear **mRNA** metabolism even though the mutation did not create a premature translation termination codon.

CT Check Tags: Case Report; Female; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

**\*Codon, Nonsense**

DNA Mutational Analysis

Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome: EN, enzymology

\*Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome: GE, genetics

**\*Exons**

Infant, Newborn

Mutagenesis, Insertional

**\*Mutation**

Pedigree

\*Procollagen-Lysine, 2-Oxoglutarate 5-Dioxygenase: GE, genetics

Procollagen-Lysine, 2-Oxoglutarate 5-Dioxygenase: ME, metabolism

**RNA Processing, Post-Transcriptional**

**\*RNA Splicing: GE, genetics**

RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

Skin: EN, enzymology

CN EC 1.14.11.4 (Procollagen-Lysine, 2-Oxoglutarate 5-Dioxygenase); 0 (Codon, Nonsense); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 3 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 1998083113 MEDLINE

DN 98083113

TI A prokaryotic-like mode of cytoplasmic eukaryotic ribosome binding to the initiation codon during internal translation initiation of hepatitis C and classical swine fever virus **RNAs**.

AU Pestova T V; Shatsky I N; Fletcher S P; Jackson R J; Hellen C U

CS Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Morse Institute for Molecular Genetics, State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn, Brooklyn, New York 11203, USA.

SO GENES AND DEVELOPMENT, (1998 Jan 1) 12 (1) 67-83.

Journal code: FN3. ISSN: 0890-9369.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199804

EW 19980403

AB Initiation of translation of hepatitis C virus and classical swine fever virus **mRNAs** results from internal ribosomal entry. We reconstituted internal ribosomal entry in vitro from purified translation components and monitored assembly of 48S ribosomal preinitiation complexes by toe-printing. Ribosomal subunits (40S) formed **stable** binary complexes on both **mRNAs**. The complex structure of these **RNAs** determined the correct positioning of the initiation codon in the ribosomal "P" site in binary complexes. Ribosomal binding and positioning on these **mRNAs** did not require the initiation factors eIF3, eIF4A, eIF4B, and eIF4F and translation of these **mRNAs** was not inhibited by a trans-dominant eIF4A mutant. Addition of Met-tRNA<sup>iMet</sup>, eIF2, and GTP to these binary ribosomal complexes resulted in formation of 48S preinitiation complexes. The striking similarities between this eukaryotic initiation mechanism and the

mechanism of translation initiation in prokaryotes are discussed.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
 eIF-2: ME, metabolism  
 eIF-2: PD, pharmacology  
 Base Sequence  
 \*Codon, Initiator  
 Cytoplasm: ME, metabolism  
 DNA Primers  
 Eukaryotic Cells  
 \*Hepatitis C-Like Viruses: GE, genetics  
 \*Hog Cholera Virus: GE, genetics  
 Molecular Sequence Data  
 Nucleic Acid Conformation  
 Peptide Chain Initiation  
 Peptide Initiation Factors: ME, metabolism  
 Peptide Initiation Factors: PD, pharmacology  
 Prokaryotic Cells  
 Rabbits  
 Ribosomal Proteins: ME, metabolism  
 \*Ribosomes: ME, metabolism  
 RNA, Transfer, Met: ME, metabolism  
 \*RNA, Viral: ME, metabolism  
 Structure-Activity Relationship  
 \*Translation, Genetic  
 CN 0 (eIF-2); 0 (eIF-3); 0 (eIF-4A); 0 (eIF-4B); 0 (eIF-4F); 0 (ribosomal protein S9); 0 (Codon, Initiator); 0 (DNA Primers); 0 (Peptide Initiation Factors); 0 (Ribosomal Proteins); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Met); 0 (RNA, Viral)

L134 ANSWER 4 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 1998030094 MEDLINE

DN 98030094

TI Unusual effect of clusters of rare arginine (AGG) codons on the expression of human interferon alpha 1 gene in Escherichia coli.

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SO INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF BIOCHEMISTRY AND CELL BIOLOGY, (1997 Apr) 29 (4) 659-66.

Journal code: CDK. ISSN: 1357-2725.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199802

AB The human interferon (hIFN alpha 1) gene contains 11 arginine (Arg) codons AGG or AGA, which are extremely rare for bacteria, four of which are organized in tandems. The two AGG tandems (corresponding to Arg12 Arg13 and Arg163 Arg164) are known to inhibit the translation of hIFN alpha 1 mRNA and therefore they are considered to be responsible for the poor expression of hIFN alpha 1 gene in bacterial cells. To study the effect of these two tandems on the expression of hIFN alpha 1 in E. coli, four new gene variants were designed to contain preferential Arg codons (CGT) substituted for the rare AGG codons in either the first, the second or both AGG tandems. We found that, whereas the yield of hIFN alpha 1 protein per cell remained unchanged, the level of hIFN alpha 1 mRNA decreased gradually (by a factor of two) with the consecutive substitution of the first, second and both AGG tandems. These results indicated, first, that the AGG clusters might have a stabilizing effect on the mRNA, and second, that mRNAs devoid of such clusters were translated at a higher rate in vivo. The protein products of the four genes (having the same amino acid sequence) showed different specific antiviral activity. The most active was the product of gene hIFN alpha 1(c) in which the second AGG tandem (corresponding to Arg163, Arg164) was preserved while the least active was the protein of gene hIFN alpha 1(d) (devoid of both AGG clusters). The role of the AGG

tandems in folding of the gene product is discussed.

CT Check Tags: Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
 Arginine: GE, genetics  
 \*Codon  
 \*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
 \*Gene Expression Regulation, Bacterial  
 Interferon Type I, Recombinant: BI, biosynthesis  
 Interferon Type I, Recombinant: GE, genetics  
 Interferon-alpha: BI, biosynthesis  
 \*Interferon-alpha: GE, genetics  
 \*Multigene Family  
 RN 7004-12-8 (Arginine)  
 CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Interferon Type I, Recombinant); 0 (Interferon-alpha)

L134 ANSWER 5 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 1998019101 MEDLINE

DN 98019101

TI Codon **optimization** for high-level expression of human erythropoietin (EPO) in mammalian cells.

AU Kim C H; Oh Y; Lee T H

CS Biotech Research Institute, LG Chem, Taejeon, South Korea.

SO GENE, (1997 Oct 15) 199 (1-2) 293-301.

Journal code: FOP. ISSN: 0378-1119.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199801

EW 19980104

AB Codon bias has been observed in many species. The usage of selective codons in a given gene is positively correlated with its expression efficiency. As an experimental approach to study codon-usage effects on heterologous gene expression in mammalian cells, we designed two human erythropoietin (EPO) genes, one in which native codons were systematically substituted with codons frequently found in highly expressed human genes and the other with codons prevalent in yeast genes. Relative performances of the re-engineered EPO genes were evaluated with various combinations of promoters and signal leader sequences. Under the comparable set of combinations, mature EPO gene with human high-frequency codons gave a considerably higher level of expression than that with yeast high-frequency codons. However, the levels of EPO expression varied, depending on the alternate combinations. Since the promoters and the signal leader sequences that we used are known to be equally efficient in gene expression, we hypothesized that the varied expression levels were due to the linear sequence between the promoter and the coding gene sequence. To test this possibility, we designed the EPO gene with hybrid codon usage in which the 5'-proximal region of the EPO gene was synthesized with yeast-biased codons and the rest with human-biased codons. This codon-usage hybrid EPO gene substantially enhanced the level of EPO transcripts and proteins up to 2.9-fold and 13.8-fold, respectively, when compared to the level reached by the original counterpart. Our results suggest that the linear sequence between the promoter and the 5'-proximal region of a gene plays an important role in achieving high-level expression in mammalian cells.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Amino Acid Sequence

Base Sequence

Cell Line

\*Codon: GE, genetics

CHO Cells

DNA, Recombinant

Erythropoietin: BI, biosynthesis

\*Erythropoietin: GE, genetics

\*Gene Expression Regulation: GE, genetics

Genes, Structural: GE, genetics

Hamsters

Molecular Sequence Data  
Nucleic Acid Conformation  
Promoter Regions (Genetics): GE, genetics  
**RNA, Messenger: BI, biosynthesis**  
**RNA, Messenger: CH, chemistry**  
Signal Peptides: GE, genetics  
Species Specificity

RN 11096-26-7 (Erythropoietin)  
CN 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Recombinant); 0 (**RNA, Messenger**); 0 (Signal Peptides)

L134 ANSWER 6 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 1998009975 MEDLINE

DN 98009975

TI Rare codons are not sufficient to destabilize a reporter gene transcript in tobacco.

AU van Hoof A; Green P J

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SO PLANT MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, (1997 Oct) 35 (3) 383-7.

Journal code: A60. ISSN: 0167-4412.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199801

EW 19980104

AB In plants, as in other eukaryotes, most synonymous codons of the genetic-code are not used with equal frequency, but instead some codons are preferred, whereas others are rare. Circumstantial evidence led to the suggestion that rare codons have a negative influence on **mRNA stability**. To address this question experimentally, rare codons encoded by a *Bacillus thuringiensis* (B.t.) toxin gene (*cryIA(c)*) or a synthetic sequence were introduced into a phytohemagglutinin (PHA) reporter gene. In neither case was the **mRNA stability** appreciably diminished in **stably** transformed tobacco cell cultures nor was the accumulation of **mRNA** in transgenic plants affected. Thus rare codons do not appear to be sufficient to cause rapid degradation of the PHA **mRNA** and potentially other **mRNAs** in plants.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.  
Cell Line

\*Codon: GE, genetics

\*Genes, Reporter

\*Phytohemagglutinins: GE, genetics

Plants, Transgenic

**RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism**

Tobacco

\*Transcription, Genetic

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Phytohemagglutinins); 0 (**RNA, Messenger**)

L134 ANSWER 7 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 1998004838 MEDLINE

DN 98004838

TI Codon usage bias and tRNA abundance in *Drosophila*.

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SO JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR EVOLUTION, (1997 Nov) 45 (5) 514-23.

Journal code: J76. ISSN: 0022-2844.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199801

EW 19980104

AB Codon usage bias of 1,117 *Drosophila melanogaster* genes, as well as fewer

D. pseudoobscura and D. virilis genes, was examined from the perspective of relative abundance of isoaccepting tRNAs and their changes during development. We found that each amino acid contributes about equally and highly significantly to overall codon usage bias, with the exception of Asp which had very low contribution to overall bias. Asp was also the only amino acid that did not show a clear preference for one of its synonymous codons. Synonymous codon usage in Drosophila was consistent with "optimal" codons deduced from the isoaccepting tRNA availability. Interestingly, amino acids whose major isoaccepting tRNAs change during development did not show as strong bias as those with developmentally unchanged tRNA pools. Asp is the only amino acid for which the major isoaccepting tRNAs change between larval and adult stages. We conclude that synonymous codon usage in Drosophila is well explained by tRNA availability and is probably influenced by developmental changes in relative abundance.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Comparative Study; Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.  
Amino Acids: GE, genetics

**\*Codon**

\*Drosophila: GE, genetics  
Evolution  
Gene Expression Regulation, Developmental  
Genes, Insect  
Models, Genetic

**\*RNA, Transfer: GE, genetics**

RN 9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)

CN 0 (Amino Acids); 0 (Codon)

L134 ANSWER 8 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 97464071 MEDLINE

DN 97464071

TI Availability of a second upstream AUG can completely overcome inhibition of protein synthesis initiation engendered by mRNA secondary structure encompassing the start codon.

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SO GENE, (1997 Sep 1) 196 (1-2) 231-7.

Journal code: FOP. ISSN: 0378-1119.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199801

EW 19980104

AB Secondary structure analysis of the mRNA from a nonproductive construct carrying the nonstructural gene 3 (NS3) of Japanese Encephalitis Virus revealed the presence of a potential 28 nucleotide long stem and loop beginning with the guanine of the initiation codon AUG that had a calculated **stabilization** energy of -13 kcal/mol (delta Gfzero). Provision of an additional AUG along with three codons upstream resulted in complete relief of inhibition. N-terminal amino acid sequence of the recombinant protein was consistent with initiation of protein synthesis having occurred from the upstream AUG. Similar levels of NS3 specific RNA in E. coli cells carrying the expressing and nonexpressing constructs and restoration of recombinant protein expression following deletion of segments beginning with the stem and loop confirmed the role of this structure in blocking expression at the level of translation initiation. Our approach exploits the ability of a ribosome in motion to open up downstream secondary structural elements of considerable **stability** and represents a novel and widely applicable strategy to overcome a block in translation initiation caused by mRNA secondary structure around the translation start site.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Amino Acid Sequence  
Base Sequence

**\*Codon, Initiator: GE, genetics**



Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
 Gene Expression Regulation, Bacterial  
 Molecular Sequence Data  
 Nucleic Acid Conformation  
 Recombinant Proteins: BI, biosynthesis  
 Recombinant Proteins: GE, genetics

**\*RNA, Messenger: CH, chemistry**

Transcription, Genetic  
 Translation, Genetic

**\*Viral Nonstructural Proteins: BI, biosynthesis**

**\*Viral Nonstructural Proteins: GE, genetics**

CN 0 (Codon, Initiator); 0 (NS3 protein, flavivirus); 0 (Recombinant Proteins); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (Viral Nonstructural Proteins)

L134 ANSWER 9 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 97307849 MEDLINE

DN 97307849

TI Two genes encoding an endoglucanase and a cellulose-binding protein are clustered and co-regulated by a TTA codon in Streptomyces halstedii JM8.

AU Garda A L; Fernandez-Abalos J M; Sanchez P; Ruiz-Arribas A; Santamaria R I  
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SO BIOCHEMICAL JOURNAL, (1997 Jun 1) 324 ( Pt 2) 403-11.

Journal code: 9YO. ISSN: 0264-6021.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Cancer Journals; Priority Journals

OS GENBANK-U51222

EM 199709

AB Streptomyces halstedii JM8 Cel2 is an endoglucanase of 28 kDa that is first produced as a protein of 42 kDa (p42) and is later processed at its C-terminus. Cel2 displays **optimal** activity towards CM-cellulose at pH6 and 50 degrees C and shows no activity against crystalline cellulose or xylan. The N-terminus of p42 shares similarity with cellulases included in family 12 of the beta-glycanases and the C-terminus shares similarity with bacterial cellulose-binding domains included in family II. This latter domain enables the precursor to bind so tightly to Avicel that it can only be eluted by boiling in 10% (w/v) SDS. Another open reading frame (ORF) situated 216 bp downstream from the p42 ORF encodes a protein of 40 kDa (p40) that does not have any clear hydrolytic activity against cellulosic or xylanolic compounds, but shows high affinity for Avicel (crystalline cellulose). The p40 protein is processed in old cultures to give a protein of 35 kDa that does not bind to Avicel. Translation of both ORFs is impaired in Streptomyces coelicolor bldA mutants, suggesting that a TTA codon situated at the fourth position of the first ORF is responsible for this regulation. S1 nuclease protection experiments demonstrate that both ORFs are co-transcribed.

CT Check Tags: Comparative Study; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Amino Acid Sequence

Bacterial Proteins: BI, biosynthesis

**\*Bacterial Proteins: GE, genetics**

Base Sequence

Carrier Proteins: BI, biosynthesis

**\*Carrier Proteins: GE, genetics**

**\*Cellulose: ME, metabolism**

**\*Codon: GE, genetics**

DNA, Recombinant: GE, genetics

Enzyme Induction

**\*Gene Expression Regulation, Bacterial**

**\*Genes, Structural, Bacterial: GE, genetics**

Glycoside Hydrolases: BI, biosynthesis

**\*Glycoside Hydrolases: GE, genetics**

Molecular Sequence Data

Open Reading Frames

Recombinant Fusion Proteins: ME, metabolism  
 RNA, Transfer, Leu: PH, physiology  
 Sequence Alignment  
 Sequence Homology, Amino Acid  
 Streptomyces: EN, enzymology  
 \*Streptomyces: GE, genetics  
 Translation, Genetic

RN 9004-34-6 (Cellulose)  
 CN EC 3.2.1. (Glycoside Hydrolases); EC 3.2.1.- (Cel2 protein, Streptomyces);  
 0 (cellulose-binding protein p40); 0 (Bacterial Proteins); 0 (BldA gene  
 product); 0 (Carrier Proteins); 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Recombinant); 0  
 (Recombinant Fusion Proteins); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Leu)

L134 ANSWER 10 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 97277182 MEDLINE

DN 97277182

TI Analyses of frameshifting at UUU-pyrimidine sites.

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 NC 27109, USA.

NC GM52643 (NIGMS)

SO NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, (1997 May 15) 25 (10) 2005-11.

Journal code: O8L. ISSN: 0305-1048.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199708

EW 19970804

AB Others have recently shown that the UUU phenylalanine codon is highly  
 frameshift-prone in the 3' (rightward) direction at pyrimidine 3' contexts.  
 Here, several approaches are used to analyze frameshifting at such sites.  
 The four permutations of the UUU/C (phenylalanine) and CGG/U (arginine)  
 codon pairs were examined because they vary greatly in their expected  
 frameshifting tendencies. Furthermore, these synonymous sites allow direct  
 tests of the idea that codon usage can control frameshifting.  
 Frameshifting was measured for these dicodons embedded within each of two  
 broader contexts: the Escherichia coli prfB (RF2 gene) programmed  
 frameshift site and a 'normal' message site. The principal difference  
 between these contexts is that the programmed frameshift contains a  
 purine-rich sequence upstream of the slippery site that can base pair with  
 the 3' end of 16 S rRNA (the anti-Shine-Dalgarno) to enhance frameshifting.  
 In both contexts frameshift frequencies are highest if the slippery  
 tRNA<sup>Phe</sup> is capable of **stable** base pairing in the shifted reading  
 frame. This requirement is less stringent in the RF2 context, as if the  
 Shine-Dalgarno interaction can help **stabilize** a quasi-  
**stable** rephased tRNA:message complex. It was previously shown that  
 frameshifting in RF2 occurs more frequently if the codon 3' to the slippery  
 site is read by a rare tRNA. Consistent with that earlier work, in the RF2  
 context frameshifting occurs substantially more frequently if the arginine  
 codon is CGG, which is read by a rare tRNA. In contrast, in the 'normal'  
 context frameshifting is only slightly greater at CGG than at CGU. It is  
 suggested that the Shine-Dalgarno-like interaction elevates frameshifting  
 specifically during the pause prior to translation of the second codon,  
 which makes frameshifting exquisitely sensitive to the rate of translation  
 of that codon. In both contexts frameshifting increases in a mutant strain  
 that fails to modify tRNA base A37, which is 3' of the anticodon. Thus,  
 those base modifications may limit frameshifting at UUU codons. Finally,  
 statistical analyses show that UUU Ynn dicodons are extremely rare in  
 E. coli genes that have highly biased codon usage.

CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

Arginine: GE, genetics

Base Composition

Base Sequence

\*Codon

DNA Primers

Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
 \*Frameshifting, Ribosomal  
 Genetic Techniques  
 Phenylalanine: GE, genetics  
 Plasmids  
 Polymerase Chain Reaction: MT, methods  
 Restriction Mapping  
 \*RNA, Transfer, Arg: GE, genetics  
 \*RNA, Transfer, Phe: GE, genetics  
 Salmonella: GE, genetics  
 Translation, Genetic  
 Uracil

RN 3617-44-5 (Phenylalanine); 66-22-8 (Uracil); 7004-12-8 (Arginine)  
 CN 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA Primers); 0 (Plasmids); 0 (RNA, Transfer,  
 Arg); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Phe)

L134 ANSWER 11 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 97209461 MEDLINE

DN 97209461

TI Polysome-associated **mRNAs** are substrates for the  
 nonsense-mediated **mRNA** decay pathway in *Saccharomyces*  
*cerevisiae*.

AU Zhang S; Welch E M; Hogan K; Brown A H; Peltz S W; Jacobson A  
 CS Department of Molecular Genetics, University of Medicine and Dentistry of  
 New Jersey, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Piscataway 08854, USA.

NC GM48631 (NIGMS)  
 GM27757 (NIGMS)

SO RNA, (1997 Mar) 3 (3) 234-44.  
 Journal code: CHB. ISSN: 1355-8382.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199706

EW 19970601

AB In eukaryotic cells, premature termination of translation at nonsense  
 codons has been implicated as the cause of a variety of  
 posttranscriptional events, including rapid **mRNA** decay in the  
 cytoplasm or the nucleus, altered splice site selection, and exon  
 skipping. In the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, nonsense codons promote  
 accelerated **mRNA** decay, and we sought to determine the cellular  
 location in which this degradation occurs. In this report, we demonstrate  
 that six different **mRNAs**, including nonsense-containing  
 transcripts of the LEU2, HIS4, PGK1, and CYH2 genes, and two wild-type  
**mRNAs** (the MAT(alpha)1 and CYH2 **mRNAs**), were  
**stabilized** when the translation elongation inhibitor cycloheximide  
 was added to cellular growth media. Subsequent removal of cycloheximide  
 resulted in resumption of translation and degradation of wild-type and  
 nonsense-containing **mRNAs**. A significant fraction of the CYH2  
 pre-**mRNA** that accumulated in the presence of cycloheximide was  
 associated with polysomes, but disappeared from that fraction when decay  
 resumed in the absence of the drug. Moreover, the abundance of the spliced  
 and unspliced forms of the untranslated U3 snRNA was shown to be  
 unaffected in strains harboring mutations that **stabilize**  
 nonsense-containing **mRNAs**. Taken together, these observations  
 indicate that nonsense-containing **mRNAs** in yeast are degraded  
 within the polysome compartment of the cell.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

\*Codon, Nonsense

Cycloheximide: PD, pharmacology

Cytoplasm: ME, metabolism

Introns

Mutagenesis

Peptide Chain Elongation

\*Polyribosomes: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Fungal: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

RNA, Small Nuclear: ME, metabolism

\*Saccharomyces cerevisiae: GE, genetics

Saccharomyces cerevisiae: ME, metabolism

Translation, Genetic

RN 66-81-9 (Cycloheximide)

CN 0 (Codon, Nonsense); 0 (RNA, Fungal); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Small Nuclear)

L134 ANSWER 12 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 97070844 MEDLINE

DN 97070844

TI Maximizing transcription efficiency causes codon usage bias.

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SO GENETICS, (1996 Nov) 144 (3) 1309-20.

Journal code: FNH. ISSN: 0016-6731.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

OS GENBANK-L41354; GENBANK-Z24681; GENBANK-M12482; GENBANK-M12930

EM 199705

EW 19970502

AB The rate of protein synthesis depends on both the rate of initiation of translation and the rate of elongation of the peptide chain. The rate of initiation depends on the encountering rate between ribosomes and mRNA; this rate in turn depends on the concentration of ribosomes and mRNA. Thus, patterns of codon usage that increase transcriptional efficiency should increase mRNA concentration, which in turn would increase the initiation rate and the rate of protein synthesis. An optimality model of the transcriptional process is presented with the prediction that the most frequently used ribonucleotide at the third codon sites in mRNA molecules should be the same as the most abundant ribonucleotide at the third codon sites in mRNA molecules should be the same as the most abundant ribonucleotide in the cellular matrix where mRNA is transcribed. This prediction is supported by four kinds of evidence. First, A-ending codons are the most frequently used synonymous codons in mitochondria, where ATP is much more abundant than that of the three other ribonucleotides. Second, A-ending codons are more frequently used in mitochondrial genes than in nuclear genes. Third, protein genes from organisms with a high metabolic rate use more A-ending codons and have higher A content in their introns than those from organisms with a low metabolic rate.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.

Base Sequence

\*Codon

DNA

\*Mathematical Computing

\*Models, Genetic

Molecular Sequence Data

\*Transcription, Genetic

RN 9007-49-2 (DNA)

CN 0 (Codon)

L134 ANSWER 13 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 97060335 MEDLINE

DN 97060335

TI Analysis of the tumorigenicity of the X gene of hepatitis B virus in a nontransformed hepatocyte cell line and the effects of cotransfection with a murine p53 mutant equivalent to human codon 249.

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NC CA 23226 (NCI)  
 CA 35249 (NCI)  
 P30 CA 13943 (NCI)  
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 SO HEPATOLOGY, (1996 Nov) 24 (5) 1024-33.  
 Journal code: GBZ. ISSN: 0270-9139.  
 CY United States  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals  
 EM 199702  
 EW 19970204  
 AB Chronic infection with hepatitis B virus (HBV) is associated with the development of human hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). One of the HBV genes, HBx, may have transforming potential, but this issue is still the subject of controversy. One of the major difficulties in addressing this question is the lack of a suitable in vitro model. We used a nontransformed, differentiated murine hepatocyte cell line (AML12) to transfect the HBx gene and examine its transforming capabilities. Because mutations of the p53 gene, in particular at codon 249, have been implicated in HCC development in geographical areas with high incidence of the tumor, we also studied the putative cooperative role in transformation between HBx and mutated p53 by cotransfecting HBx with a murine p53 mutant equivalent to human ser249 (ser246p53). Transfection with HBx plasmids containing the HBx gene under the control of two different promoters resulted in fewer colonies than in control plasmids. The toxic effect of HBx on colony formation was abolished by cotransfection with 246p53, suggesting that the inhibitory effect requires functionally intact p53. Clonal cell lines that **stably** expressed HBx messenger RNA (mRNA) (HBX lines) were tested for their growth characteristics and their ability to grow in soft agar and form tumors in nude mice. At passages 19-27 after transfection, one of four HBx-expressing lines showed the capacity for anchorage-independent growth in soft agar and produced poorly differentiated hepatocellular carcinomas in 8 of 13 sites of injection in nude mice. HBX lines as well as clonal cell lines of cells transfected with 246p53 (246 cell lines), cotransfected with HBx and 246p53 (246x lines) or transfected with control plasmids, were analyzed by flow cytometry to determine the fraction of cells in S phase (SPF). 246 and 246X lines had similar SPFs that were approximately twofold greater than control or HBX lines. 246x lines showed morphological changes in culture such as marked cellular heterogeneity, cell crowding, and the presence of multinucleated giant cells, but their tumorigenicity was not increased compared with the HBX lines. These data show that HBx has a weak tumorigenicity in murine hepatocytes and that the addition of mutation of p53 at codon 249 to HBx expression does not increase tumorigenicity in AML12 cells.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Human; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
 Cell Line  
 \*Codon  
 Flow Cytometry  
 \*Genes, p53  
 \*Genes, Viral  
 \*Hepatitis B Virus: GE, genetics  
 \*Liver Neoplasms, Experimental: ET, etiology  
 Mice  
 Mice, Nude  
 Plasmids  
 RNA, Messenger: AN, analysis  
 \*Trans-Activators: GE, genetics  
 \*Transfection

CN 0 (hepatitis B virus X protein); 0 (Codon); 0 (Plasmids); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (Trans-Activators)

L134 ANSWER 14 OF 126 MEDLINE  
 AN 97041789 MEDLINE  
 DN 97041789

TI Comparative study on the effect of signal peptide codons and arginine codons on the expression of human interferon-alpha 1 gene in Escherichia coli.

AU Saraffova A; Maximova V; Ivanov I G; Abouhaidar M G  
CS Institute of Molecular Biology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria.

SO JOURNAL OF INTERFERON AND CYTOKINE RESEARCH, (1996 Sep) 16 (9) 745-9.  
Journal code: CD4. ISSN: 1079-9907.

CY United States  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals  
EM 199704  
EW 19970404

AB Human interferon-alpha 1 (HuIFN-alpha 1) gene containing signal peptide codons is poorly expressed in bacteria, and this is explained by the presence of clusters of rare (AGG) arginine codons in its structure. In this study, we have constructed a series of modified HuIFN-alpha 1 genes to study the effect of both residual signal peptide codons and clusters of AGG codons on gene expression in Escherichia coli cells. Our results showed that substitution of preferential for rare arginine codons in two clusters did not affect the yield, whereas deletion of the signal peptide codons led to a 10-fold increase in the yield of recombinant protein. To understand the mechanism of interference of gene structure on the expression of the HuIFN-alpha 1 gene in vivo, both the level and **stability** of HuIFN-alpha 1 mRNA were measured. The amount of HuIFN mRNA increased almost five times on deletion of the signal peptide codons from HuIFN-alpha 1 gene constructs (containing AGG clusters or not). The **stability** of mRNA obtained from all gene constructs was shown to be the same (half-life of 60 +/- 5 secs), indicating that the signal peptide codons interfere with both the efficiency of transcription of the HuIFN-alpha 1 gene and translation of its mRNA.

CT Check Tags: Comparative Study; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Antiviral Agents: ME, metabolism  
\*Arginine: GE, genetics  
\*Codon  
Escherichia coli  
Gene Deletion  
Interferon-alpha: BI, biosynthesis  
\*Interferon-alpha: GE, genetics  
\*Multigene Family  
Recombinant Proteins: BI, biosynthesis  
\*Signal Peptides: GE, genetics

RN 7004-12-8 (Arginine)  
CN 0 (Antiviral Agents); 0 (Codon); 0 (Interferon-alpha); 0 (Recombinant Proteins); 0 (Signal Peptides)

L134 ANSWER 15 OF 126 MEDLINE  
AN 97002373 MEDLINE  
DN 97002373

TI **Stability** of a stem-loop involving the initiator AUG controls the efficiency of internal initiation of translation on hepatitis C virus RNA.

AU Honda M; Brown E A; Lemon S M  
CS Department of Medicine, The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill 27599-7030, USA.  
NC R01-AI32599 (NIAID)  
T32-AI07151 (NIAID)  
SO RNA, (1996 Oct) 2 (10) 955-68.  
Journal code: CHB. ISSN: 1355-8382.

CY United States  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals

OS GENBANK-U22304; GENBANK-M67463  
EM 199701  
EW 19970104  
AB The initiation of translation on the positive-sense **RNA** genome of hepatitis C virus (HCV) is directed by an internal ribosomal entry site (IRES) that occupies most of the 341-nt 5' nontranslated **RNA** (5'NTR). Previous studies indicate that this IRES differs from picornaviral IRESs in that its activity is dependent upon **RNA** sequence downstream of the initiator AUG. Here, we demonstrate that the initiator AUG of HCV is located within a stem-loop (stem-loop IV) involving nt -12 to +12 (with reference to the AUG). This structure is conserved among HCV strains, and is present in the 5'NTR of the phylogenetically distant GB virus B. Mutant, nearly genome-length **RNAs** containing nucleotide substitutions predicted to enhance the **stability** of stem-loop IV were generally deficient in cap-independent translation both in vitro and in vivo. Additional mutations that destabilize the stem-loop restored translation to normal. Thus, the **stability** of the stem-loop is strongly but inversely correlated with the efficiency of internal initiation of translation. In contrast, mutations that **stabilize** this stem-loop had comparatively little effect on translation of 5' truncated **RNAs** by scanning ribosomes, suggesting that internal initiation of translation follows binding of the 40S ribosome directly at the site of stem-loop IV. Because stem-loop IV is not required for internal entry of ribosomes but is able to regulate this process, we speculate that it may be **stabilized** by interactions with a viral protein, providing a mechanism for feedback regulation of translation, which may be important for viral persistence.

CT Check Tags: Human; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
Antigens, Viral: AN, analysis  
Base Sequence  
Carcinoma, Hepatocellular  
\*Codon, Initiator  
Hepatitis Agents, GB: CH, chemistry  
Hepatitis Agents, GB: GE, genetics  
\*Hepatitis C-Like Viruses: GE, genetics  
Hepatitis C-Like Viruses: IM, immunology  
Molecular Sequence Data  
Mutation  
\*Nucleic Acid Conformation  
\*Peptide Chain Initiation: PH, physiology  
Ribosomes: ME, metabolism  
\*RNA, Viral: CH, chemistry  
RNA, Viral: GE, genetics  
Sequence Alignment  
Sequence Homology, Nucleic Acid  
Tumor Cells, Cultured

CN 0 (Antigens, Viral); 0 (Codon, Initiator); 0 (RNA, Viral)

L134 ANSWER 16 OF 126 MEDLINE  
AN 96407840 MEDLINE  
DN 96407840  
TI Premature nonsense codons decrease the **stability** of phytohemagglutinin **mRNA** in a position-dependent manner.  
AU van Hoof A; Green P J  
CS MSU-DOE Plant Research Laboratory, Michigan State University, East Lansing 48824-1312, USA.  
SO PLANT JOURNAL, (1996 Sep) 10 (3) 415-24.  
Journal code: BRU. ISSN: 0960-7412.  
CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals  
EM 199704  
EW 19970402  
AB Premature termination of translation has often been associated with

decreased **mRNA** accumulation in plants, but the affected step in gene expression has not been identified. To investigate this problem, the expression of wild-type and mutant alleles of the bean phytohemagglutinin (PHA) gene has been examined in tobacco cells and transgenic plants. Measurement of **mRNA** decay rates in **stably** transformed cell lines demonstrated that premature nonsense codons markedly destabilized the **mRNA**. This decreased **stability** was also reflected by decreased accumulation of transcripts containing premature nonsense codons in transgenic plants. The positional dependence of the nonsense codon effect was evaluated by introducing premature nonsense codons at different distances from the PHA AUG start codon. Transcripts with nonsense codons about 20, 40 or 60% of the way through the normal PHA coding region yielded highly unstable **mRNAs**, whereas a transcript with a nonsense codon at 80% was as **stable** as wild-type. The ability to recognize and rapidly degrade certain transcripts with early nonsense codons could provide plant cells with a means to minimize the production of wasteful and possible deleterious truncated proteins.

CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.

Alleles

Arabidopsis

Cell Line

Codon, Initiator

\*Codon, Nonsense: GE, genetics

Frameshift Mutation

\*Gene Expression Regulation, Plant

\*Phytohemagglutinins: GE, genetics

Phytohemagglutinins: ME, metabolism

Plants, Transgenic

RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

RNA, Plant: GE, genetics

RNA, Plant: ME, metabolism

Tobacco

Translation, Genetic

CN 0 (Codon, Initiator); 0 (Codon, Nonsense); 0 (Phytohemagglutinins); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Plant)

L134 ANSWER 17 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 96332659 MEDLINE

DN 96332659

TI **mRNA** sequences influencing translation and the selection of AUG initiator codons in the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

AU Yun D F; Laz T M; Clements J M; Sherman F

CS Department of Biochemistry, University of Rochester, School of Medicine and Dentistry, New York 14642, USA.

NC T32 GM07098 (NIGMS)

R01 GM12702 (NIGMS)

SO MOLECULAR MICROBIOLOGY, (1996 Mar) 19 (6) 1225-39.

Journal code: MOM. ISSN: 0950-382X.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199611

AB The secondary structure and sequences influencing the expression and selection of the AUG initiator codon in the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* were investigated with two fused genes, which were composed of either the CYC7 or CYC1 leader regions, respectively, linked to the lacZ coding region. In addition, the strains contained the upfl-delta disruption, which **stabilized mRNAs** that had premature termination codons, resulting in wild-type levels. The following major conclusions were reached by measuring beta-galactosidase activities in yeast strains having integrated single copies of the fused genes with various alterations in the 89 and 38 nucleotide-long untranslated CYC7 and CYC1 leader regions, respectively. The leader region adjacent to the AUG



initiator codon was dispensable, but the nucleotide preceding the AUG initiator at position -3 modified the efficiency of translation by less than twofold, exhibiting an order of preference A > G > C > U. Upstream out-of-frame AUG triplets diminished initiation at the normal site, from essentially complete inhibition to approximately 50% inhibition, depending on the position of the upstream AUG triplet and on the context (-3 position nucleotides) of the two AUG triplets. In this regard, complete inhibition occurred when the upstream and downstream AUG triplets were closer together, and when the upstream and downstream AUG triplets had, respectively, **optimal** and suboptimal contexts. Thus, leaky scanning occurs in yeast, similar to its occurrence in higher eukaryotes. In contrast, termination codons between two AUG triplets causes reinitiation at the downstream AUG in higher eukaryotes, but not generally in yeast. Our results and the results of others with GCN4 mRNA and its derivatives indicate that reinitiation is not a general phenomenon in yeast, and that special sequences are required.

CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

Base Sequence

\*Codon, Initiator: GE, genetics

DNA, Fungal: GE, genetics

Genes, Fungal

Genetic Vectors

Molecular Sequence Data

Nucleic Acid Conformation

Plasmids: GE, genetics

RNA, Fungal: CH, chemistry

\*RNA, Fungal: GE, genetics

RNA, Messenger: CH, chemistry

\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

\*Saccharomyces cerevisiae: GE, genetics

Translation, Genetic

CN 0 (Codon, Initiator); 0 (DNA, Fungal); 0 (Genetic Vectors); 0 (Plasmids);  
0 (RNA, Fungal); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 18 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 96290235 MEDLINE

DN 96290235

TI Translation of the reovirus M1 gene initiates from the first AUG codon in both infected and transfected cells.

AU Zou S; Brown E G

CS Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

SO VIRUS RESEARCH, (1996 Jan) 40 (1) 75-89.

Journal code: X98. ISSN: 0168-1702.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199705

EW 19970504

AB Reovirus mu 2 protein can be expressed via the mouse phosphoglycerate kinase promoter to low levels in **stably** transfected L cells. To increase mu 2 expression, the terminal regions of the M1 gene cDNA constructs were modified and the effect on mu 2 expression was analyzed. The M1 gene has a single large open reading frame beginning at nucleotide 14 with another, in frame, AUG codon at nucleotide 161 reported to be used for translation initiation. Unexpectedly, deletions of the M1 5' terminal sequence upstream of the reported translation initiation codon, AUG161, resulted in loss of detection of mu 2 expression. When expression was driven by the stronger T7 promoter in the presence of recombinant vaccinia virus expressing the T7 RNA polymerase, constructs with the M1 5'-terminal deletion produced a smaller protein product of approximately 68 kDa, compared to approximately 73 kDa for the protein produced from the full-length M1-containing constructs consistent with the loss of 49 amino acids. The amount of shorter mu 2 product was increased by producing an improved 'Kozak' consensus sequence around the AUG codon at nucleotide 161

or by introducing an internal ribosome entry site at this location. Full-length M1 gene constructs produced a protein of the same size as the authentic mu 2 protein from virus-infected cells. It was further shown that the approximately 73 kDa product was expressed when the M1 gene was in different plasmid backgrounds and even when the M1 gene transcript was preceded by a 1 kb gene. This study demonstrated that translation of the reovirus M1 gene initiates from the first AUG codon in both infected and transfected cells.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Base Sequence

Cell Line

**\*Codon, Initiator**

DNA Primers

Gene Expression

Mice

Molecular Sequence Data

**\*Orthoreovirus: GE, genetics**

Plasmids

**\*Reovirus 3: GE, genetics**

**RNA, Viral**

Sequence Deletion

**\*Translation, Genetic**

**\*Viral Core Proteins: GE, genetics**

3T3 Cells

CN 0 (Codon, Initiator); 0 (DNA Primers); 0 (Plasmids); 0 (RNA, Viral); 0 (Viral Core Proteins)

L134 ANSWER 19 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 96282717 MEDLINE

DN 96282717

TI Upstream stimulators for recoding.

AU Larsen B; Peden J; Matsufuji S; Matsufuji T; Brady K; Maldonado R; Wills N M; Fayet O; Atkins J F; Gesteland R F

CS Department of Human Genetics, University of Utah, Salt Lake City 84112, USA.

SO BIOCHEMISTRY AND CELL BIOLOGY, (1995 Nov-Dec) 73 (11-12) 1123-9.

Ref: 45

Journal code: ALR. ISSN: 0829-8211.

CY Canada

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

General Review; (REVIEW)

(REVIEW, TUTORIAL)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199701

EW 19970104

AB Recent progress in elucidation of 5' stimulatory elements for translational recoding is reviewed. A 5' Shine-Dalgarno sequence increases both +1 and -1 frameshift efficiency in several genes; examples cited include the E. coli prfB gene encoding release factor 2 and the dnaX gene encoding the gamma and tau subunits of DNA polymerase III holoenzyme. The spacing between the Shine-Dalgarno sequence and the shift site is critical in both the +1 and -1 frameshift cassettes; however, the **optimal** spacing is quite different in the two cases. A frameshift in a mammalian chromosomal gene, ornithine decarboxylase antizyme, has recently been reported; 5' sequences have been shown to be vital for this frameshift event. Escherichia coli bacteriophage T4 gene 60 encodes a subunit of its type II DNA topoisomerase. The mature gene 60 mRNA contains an internal 50 nucleotide region that appears to be bypassed during translation. A 16 amino acid domain of the nascent peptide is necessary for this bypass to occur.

CT Check Tags: Animal

Base Sequence

**\*Codon**

**\*Frameshifting, Ribosomal**

Genetic Code

## Mammals

## Molecular Sequence Data

## \*Peptide Chain Termination

## \*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

## \*RNA, Ribosomal: GE, genetics

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Ribosomal)

L134 ANSWER 20 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 96266423 MEDLINE

DN 96266423

TI Poliovirus neurovirulence correlates with the presence of a cryptic AUG upstream of the initiator codon.

AU Slobodskaya O R; Gmyl A P; Maslova S V; Tolskaya E A; Viktorova E G; Agol V I

CS M.P. Chumakov Institute of Poliomyelitis and Viral Encephalitides, Russian Academy of Medical Sciences, Moscow Region, Russia.

SO VIROLOGY, (1996 Jul 1) 221 (1) 141-50.

Journal code: XEA. ISSN: 0042-6822.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199610

AB Poliovirus mutants with extended (> 150-nt) deletions in the 5'-untranslated region between the internal ribosome entry site and the initiator codon have been selected previously (Pilipenko et al., Cell 68, 119-131, 1992; Gmyl et al., J. Virol. 67, 6309-6316, 1993). These deletions were transferred into the genome of a mouse-pathogenic poliovirus strain and found to be strongly attenuating. The deletions can be considered as covering three structural elements, a stem-loop (domain E) with a conserved cryptic AUG and two spacers, upstream and downstream of it. In an attempt to identify putative essential determinants of neurovirulence in these individual structural elements, appropriate mutants were engineered. The results demonstrated that neither of the above elements is essential for neurovirulence. The results strongly suggested that the presence of a cryptic AUG in the oligopyrimidine/AUG tandem followed, at a sufficient distance, by the initiator codon was necessary to ensure the neurovirulent phenotype of our constructs. On the other hand, the attenuated phenotype appeared to correlate with the occurrence of the initiator AUG as a moiety of the oligopyrimidine/AUG tandem. Possible mechanisms underlying these effects are discussed. Identification of the cryptic AUG as an essential determinant for neurovirulence provides a rational basis for the design of genetically **stable** attenuated poliovirus variants.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Human; Male; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Base Sequence

Cell Line

## \*Codon, Initiator

Conserved Sequence

DNA, Ribosomal

Hela Cells

Mice

Mice, Inbred C57BL

Molecular Sequence Data

## \*Poliomyelitis: VI, virology

Pyrimidines

RNA, Viral

Sequence Deletion

Templates

Theiler Murine Encephalomyelitis Virus: GE, genetics

## \*Theiler Murine Encephalomyelitis Virus: PY, pathogenicity

Tumor Cells, Cultured

Virulence: GE, genetics

RN 289-95-2 (pyrimidine)

CN 0 (Codon, Initiator); 0 (DNA, Ribosomal); 0 (Pyrimidines); 0 (RNA, Viral)

L134 ANSWER 21 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 96213035 MEDLINE

DN 96213035

TI Overexpression of an **mRNA** dependent on rare codons inhibits protein synthesis and cell growth.

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CS Raymond and Beverly Sackler Laboratory of Molecular Genetics and Informatics, Rockefeller University, New York, New York 10021, USA.

SO JOURNAL OF BACTERIOLOGY, (1996 May) 178 (10) 2926-33.

Journal code: HH3. ISSN: 0021-9193.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199609

AB lambda's int gene contains an unusually high frequency of the rare arginine codons AGA and AGG, as well as dual rare Arg codons at three positions. Related work has demonstrated that Int protein expression depends on the rare AGA tRNA. Strong transcription of the int **mRNA** with a highly efficient ribosome-binding site leads to inhibition of Int protein synthesis, alteration of the overall pattern of cellular protein synthesis, and cell death. Synthesis or **stability** of int and ampicillin resistance **mRNAs** is not affected, although a portion of the untranslated int **mRNA** appears to be modified in a site-specific fashion. These phenotypes are not due to a toxic effect of the int gene product and can be largely reversed by supplementation of the AGA tRNA in cells which bear plasmids expressing the T4 AGA tRNA gene. This indicates that depletion of the rare Arg tRNA due to ribosome stalling at multiple AGA and AGG codons on the overexpressed int **mRNA** underlies all of these phenomena. It is hypothesized that int **mRNA**'s effects on protein synthesis and cell viability relate to phenomena involved in lambda phage induction and excision.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

\*Arginine: GE, genetics

Bacteriophage lambda: GD, growth & development

Bacteriophage lambda: GE, genetics

Base Sequence

\*Codon

DNA Nucleotidyltransferases: GE, genetics

\*Escherichia coli: GD, growth & development

Escherichia coli: VI, virology

Gene Expression Regulation

Molecular Sequence Data

\*RNA, Messenger: BI, biosynthesis

RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

RNA, Transfer, Arg: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Viral: BI, biosynthesis

RNA, Viral: GE, genetics

Transcription, Genetic

Transformation, Genetic

\*Translation, Genetic

RN 7004-12-8 (Arginine)

CN EC 2.7.7.- (DNA Nucleotidyltransferases); EC 2.7.7.- (Integrase); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Arg); 0 (RNA, Viral)

L134 ANSWER 22 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 96211382 MEDLINE

DN 96211382

TI Accumulation of a **mRNA** decay intermediate by ribosomal pausing at a stop codon.

AU Bjornsson A; Isaksson L A

CS Department of Microbiology, Stockholm University, Sweden.

SO NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, (1996 May 1) 24 (9) 1753-7.

Journal code: O8L. ISSN: 0305-1048.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 199609  
AB A **RNA** fragment which is protected from degradation by ribosome pausing at a stop codon has been identified in growing *Escherichia coli*. The fragment is 261 nt long and corresponds to the 3'-end of the **mRNA** expressed from a semi-synthetic model gene. The 5'-end of the **RNA** fragment, denoted **rpRNA** (ribosomal pause **RNA**), is located 13 bases upstream of the stop codon. In vivo decay of the complete **mRNA** and accumulation of **rpRNA** are dependent on the nature of the stop codon and its codon context. The data indicate that the **rpRNA** fragment arises from interrupted decay of the **S3A'mRNA** in the 5'-->3'direction, in connection with a ribosomal pause at the stop codon. RF-2 decoding of UGA is less efficient than RF-1 decoding of UAG in identical codon contexts, as judged from **rpRNA** steady-state levels. The half-life of UGA-containing **rpRNAs** is at least 5 min, indicating that ribosomal pausing can be a major factor in **stabilising** downstream regions of messenger **RNAs**.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Base Sequence  
\*Codon, Terminator: GE, genetics  
\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
Genes, Reporter: GE, genetics  
Genetic Code  
Half-Life  
Molecular Sequence Data  
\*Ribosomes: PH, physiology  
RNA, Bacterial: GE, genetics  
RNA, Bacterial: ME, metabolism  
RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

CN 0 (Codon, Terminator); 0 (RNA, Bacterial); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 23 OF 126 MEDLINE  
AN 96209937 MEDLINE  
DN 96209937  
TI Negative effect of sequential serine codons on expression of foreign genes in *Escherichia coli*.  
AU Bula C; Wilcox K W  
CS Department of Microbiology, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 53226, USA.  
SO PROTEIN EXPRESSION AND PURIFICATION, (1996 Feb) 7 (1) 92-103.  
Journal code: BJV. ISSN: 1046-5928.  
CY United States  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals  
EM 199708  
AB Herpes simplex virus encodes a 1298-residue protein designated ICP4 that regulates transcription of viral genes. Structural and functional analyses of ICP4 have been facilitated by production of portions of ICP4 in *Escherichia coli*. We previously observed that expression of most truncated forms of ICP4 in *E. coli* was relatively efficient, with the exception of portions of the ICP4 gene approximately between codons 160 and 220. We have now localized the portion of ICP4 that inhibits expression to a serine-rich region from position 176 to 199. Our experimental results suggest that codons within the serine-rich domain do not induce termination of transcription, do not alter the intrinsic **stability** of **mRNA**, and do not create a proteolytically sensitive site in this portion of ICP4. Silent mutations that alter codon usage of many of the 19 serine codons in this region had no effect on expression. However, we observed that the level of protein expression was inversely proportional to the number of serine codons in this region. The results

are consistent with a model in which the serine-rich domain induces premature termination of translation. This effect is not due to any specific secondary structure in the mRNA or lack of sufficient seryl-tRNA synthetase. It remains to be determined whether premature termination can result from insufficient seryl-charged tRNAs. Our results suggest that foreign genes with more than 20 consecutive serine codons may be poorly expressed in *E. coli*.

CT Amino Acid Sequence  
Amino Acyl-tRNA Ligases: ME, metabolism  
Blotting, Western  
\*Chimeric Proteins: BI, biosynthesis  
Chimeric Proteins: CH, chemistry  
\*Codon: GE, genetics  
Electrophoresis, Polyacrylamide Gel  
\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
Escherichia coli: ME, metabolism  
\*Gene Expression  
Immediate-Early Proteins: BI, biosynthesis  
Immediate-Early Proteins: CH, chemistry  
\*Immediate-Early Proteins: GE, genetics  
Molecular Sequence Data  
Nucleic Acid Conformation  
Peptide Fragments: CH, chemistry  
Peptide Fragments: GE, genetics  
RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism  
RNA, Transfer, Ser: GE, genetics  
RNA, Transfer, Ser: ME, metabolism  
\*Serine: GE, genetics  
Translation, Genetic

RN 56-45-1 (Serine)

CN EC 6.1.1. (Amino Acyl-tRNA Ligases); 0 (herpes simplex virus, type 1 protein ICP4); 0 (Chimeric Proteins); 0 (Codon); 0 (Immediate-Early Proteins); 0 (Peptide Fragments); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Ser)

L134 ANSWER 24 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 96188843 MEDLINE

DN 96188843

TI Codon adjustment to maximise heterologous gene expression in *Streptomyces lividans* can lead to decreased mRNA stability and protein yield.

AU Lammertyn E; Van Mellaert L; Bijmens A P; Joris B; Anne J

CS Rega Institute, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium.

SO MOLECULAR AND GENERAL GENETICS, (1996 Feb 5) 250 (2) 223-9.  
Journal code: NGP. ISSN: 0026-8925.

CY GERMANY: Germany, Federal Republic of

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199608

AB The impact of the codon bias of the mouse tumour necrosis factor alpha (mTNF) gene cloned in *Streptomyces lividans* on the efficiency of expression and secretion was analysed. Minor codons occurring in the mTNF gene were therefore adapted to the codon bias of *Streptomyces* by site-directed mutagenesis. No improvement in mTNF yield could be detected. The stability of the transcript derived from the construct was shown to be more important for determining the final level of mTNF production. A strong correlation was observed between the yield of secreted biologically active mTNF and the amount of mTNF mRNA present in the cells.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
alpha-Amylase: GE, genetics  
alpha-Amylase: ME, metabolism  
Algorithms  
Base Sequence

Blotting, Northern  
 Cloning, Molecular  
 \*Codon: GE, genetics  
 Codon, Initiator: GE, genetics  
 DNA Primers: CH, chemistry  
 \*Gene Expression  
 Molecular Sequence Data  
 Mutagenesis, Site-Directed  
 Nucleic Acid Conformation  
 Promoter Regions (Genetics): GE, genetics  
 Recombinant Fusion Proteins: BI, biosynthesis  
 Recombinant Fusion Proteins: GE, genetics  
 RNA, Messenger: BI, biosynthesis  
 RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
 \*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism  
 Signal Peptides: GE, genetics  
 Software  
 \*Streptomyces: GE, genetics  
 Tumor Necrosis Factor: BI, biosynthesis  
 \*Tumor Necrosis Factor: GE, genetics  
 Tumor Necrosis Factor: SE, secretion

CN EC 3.2.1.1 (alpha-Amylase); 0 (Codon); 0 (Codon, Initiator); 0 (DNA Primers); 0 (Recombinant Fusion Proteins); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (Signal Peptides); 0 (Tumor Necrosis Factor)

L134 ANSWER 25 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 96135234 MEDLINE

DN 96135234

TI Translation of Sindbis virus mRNA: analysis of sequences downstream of the initiating AUG codon that enhance translation.

AU Frolov I; Schlesinger S

CS Department of Molecular Microbiology, Washington University, School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri 63110-1093, USA.

NC A111377 (NIAID)

SO JOURNAL OF VIROLOGY, (1996 Feb) 70 (2) 1182-90.

Journal code: KCV. ISSN: 0022-538X.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199604

AB Alphaviruses, particularly Sindbis virus and Semliki Forest virus, are proving to be useful vectors for the expression of heterologous genes. In infected cells, these self-replicating vectors (replicons) transcribe a subgenomic mRNA that codes for a heterologous protein instead of the structural proteins. We reported recently that translation of the reporter gene lacZ is enhanced 10-fold when the coding sequences of this gene are fused downstream of and in frame with the 5' half of the capsid gene (I. Frolov and S. Schlesinger, J. Virol. 68:8111-8117, 1994). The enhancing sequences, located downstream of the AUG codon that initiates translation of the capsid protein, have a predicted hairpin structure. We have mutated this region by making changes in the codons which do not affect the protein sequence but should destabilize the putative hairpin structure. These changes caused a decrease in the accumulation of the capsid-beta-galactosidase fusion protein. When these alterations were inserted into the capsid gene in the context of the intact Sindbis virus genome, they led to a decrease in the rate of virus formation but did not affect the final yield. We also altered the original sequence to one that has 12 contiguous G.C base pairs and should form a **stable** hairpin. The new sequence was essentially as effective as the original had been in enhancement of translation and in the rate of virus formation. The position of the predicted hairpin structure is important for its function; an insertion of 9 nucleotides or a deletion of 9 nucleotides decreased the level of translation. The insertion of a hairpin structure at a particular location downstream of the initiating AUG appears to be a way that alphaviruses have evolved to enhance translation of their mRNA,

and, as a consequence, they produce high levels of the structural proteins which are needed for virus assembly. This high level of translation requires an intracellular environment in which host cell protein synthesis is inhibited.

CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
 Amino Acid Sequence  
 Base Sequence  
 Binding Sites  
 Capsid: BI, biosynthesis  
 Capsid: GE, genetics  
 \*Codon, Initiator  
 Down-Regulation (Physiology)  
 DNA, Viral  
 Molecular Sequence Data  
 Nucleic Acid Conformation  
 Point Mutation  
 RNA, Messenger  
 \*RNA, Viral: GE, genetics  
 Sindbis Virus: GD, growth & development  
 \*Sindbis Virus: GE, genetics  
 Structure-Activity Relationship  
 \*Translation, Genetic  
 Trinucleotide Repeats  
 Virus Assembly  
 CN 0 (Capsid); 0 (Codon, Initiator); 0 (DNA, Viral); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Viral)

L134 ANSWER 26 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 96105379 MEDLINE

DN 96105379

TI Kinetics of translation of gamma B crystallin and its circularly permuted variant in an in vitro cell-free system: possible relations to codon distribution and protein folding.

AU Komar A A; Jaenicke R

CS Institut fur Biophysik und Physikalische Biochemie, Universitat Regensburg, Germany.

SO FEBS LETTERS, (1995 Dec 4) 376 (3) 195-8.

Journal code: EUH. ISSN: 0014-5793.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199603

AB Analysis of nascent gamma B-crystallin peptides accumulating during in vitro translation in a rabbit reticulocyte lysate cell-free system was carried out. As a consequence of the irregular distribution of rare codons along the polypeptide chain of gamma B-crystallin, translation of the two-domain protein is a non-uniform process characterized by specific pauses. One of the major delays occurs during the translation of the connecting peptide between the domains. Comparing the kinetics of translation of natural gamma B-crystallin and its circularly permuted variant (with the order of the N- and C-terminal domains exchanged) reveals that the natural N-terminal domain is translated faster than the C-terminal one. Since the N-terminal domain in natural gamma B-crystallin is known to be more **stable** and to fold faster than the C-terminal one [E.-M. Mayr et al. (1994) J. Mol. Biol. 235, 84-88], the present data suggest that the translation rates are **optimized** to tune the synthesis and folding of the nascent polypeptide chain. In this connection, the pause in the linker region between the domains provides a delay allowing the correct folding of the N-terminal domain and its subsequent assistance in the **stabilization** of the C-terminal one.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
 Cattle  
 Cell-Free System  
 \*Codon



\*Crystallins: CH, chemistry  
 Crystallins: GE, genetics  
 Kinetics  
 Protein Folding  
 Rabbits  
 Reticulocytes  
**RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics**  
 \*Translation, Genetic

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Crystallins); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 27 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 96096738 MEDLINE

DN 96096738

TI Glycine reductase of Clostridium litorale. Cloning, sequencing, and molecular analysis of the grdAB operon that contains two in-frame TGA codons for selenium incorporation.

AU Kreimer S; Andreesen J R

CS Institut fur Mikrobiologie, Georg-August-Universitat Gottingen, Germany.

SO EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF BIOCHEMISTRY, (1995 Nov 15) 234 (1) 192-9.

Journal code: EMZ. ISSN: 0014-2956.

CY GERMANY: Germany, Federal Republic of

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

OS GENBANK-U24268

EM 199604

AB A 2.8-kb HindIII fragment, containing three open reading frames, has been cloned and sequenced from Clostridium litorale. The first gene grdA encoded the selenocysteine-containing protein PA of the glycine reductase complex, a protein of 159 amino acids with a deduced molecular mass of 16.7 kDa. The second gene (grdB) encoded the 47-kDa subunit of the substrate-specific selenoprotein PB glycine that is composed of 437 amino acids. The third gene contained the 5'-region of the gene for thioredoxin reductase, trxB. All gene products shared high similarity with the corresponding proteins from Eubacterium acidaminophilum. In both genes grdA and grdB, the opal termination codon (TGA) was found inframe, indicating the presence of selenocysteine in both polypeptides. Northern-blot analysis showed that grdA and grdB are organized as one operon. Unlike Escherichia coli, no **stable** secondary structures of the corresponding mRNA were found immediately downstream of the UGA codons to direct an insertion of selenocysteine into the grdA and grdB transcripts of C. litorale. Instead, a secondary structure was identified in the 3'-untranslated region of grdB.

CT \*Amino Acid Oxidoreductases: GE, genetics  
 Amino Acid Oxidoreductases: ME, metabolism  
 Amino Acid Sequence

\*Bacterial Proteins: GE, genetics  
 Base Sequence  
 Blotting, Northern  
 Cloning, Molecular

\*Clostridium: EN, enzymology

\*Codon

DNA, Bacterial  
 Molecular Sequence Data

\*Multienzyme Complexes: GE, genetics  
 Multienzyme Complexes: ME, metabolism  
 Nucleic Acid Conformation

\*Operon

**RNA, Messenger: CH, chemistry**

**RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics**

\*Selenium: ME, metabolism  
 Sequence Homology, Amino Acid

RN 7782-49-2 (Selenium)

CN EC 1.4. (Amino Acid Oxidoreductases); EC 1.4.1.- (glycine reductase); 0 (grdA protein); 0 (selenoprotein A); 0 (selenoprotein B); 0 (Bacterial Proteins); 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Bacterial); 0 (Multienzyme Complexes); 0 (

## RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 28 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 95303110 MEDLINE

DN 95303110

TI [Analysis of stationary kinetics of translation elongation within the framework of the stereospecific **stabilization** hypothesis of codon-anticodon complexes in a ribosome. II. Kinetic schemes in the presence of protein elongation factors and GTP].  
 Analiz statsionarnoi kinetiki elongatsii transliatsii v ramkakh gipotezy o stereospetsificheskoi **stabilizatsii** kodon-antikodonovykh kompleksov na ribosome. II. Kineticheskie skhemy v prisutstvii belkovykh faktorov elongatsii i GTP.

AU Saifullin S R; Potapov A P

SO MOLEKULIARNAIA BIOLOGIIA, (1995 Mar-Apr) 29 (2) 434-45.

Journal code: NGX. ISSN: 0026-8984.

CY RUSSIA: Russian Federation

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA Russian

FS Priority Journals

EM 199509

AB Kinetics of the factor-dependent polypeptide elongation is theoretically studied in context of stereospecific **stabilization** of the codon-anticodon complexes at a ribosome. Kinetic schemes for the different ribosome isomerization stages are examined. The dependence of steady-state elongation rate on elongation factor concentration for each of the schemes is unique, allowing to identify isomerization stages experimentally.

CT \*Anticodon

\*Codon

English Abstract

\*Guanosine Triphosphate: CH, chemistry

Isomerism

Kinetics

\*Peptide Elongation Factors: CH, chemistry

\*Ribosomes: CH, chemistry

RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl: CH, chemistry

\*Translation, Genetic

RN 86-01-1 (Guanosine Triphosphate)

CN 0 (Anticodon); 0 (Codon); 0 (Peptide Elongation Factors); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl)

L134 ANSWER 29 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 95303109 MEDLINE

DN 95303109

TI [Analysis of stationary kinetics of translation elongation within the framework stereospecific **stabilization** hypothesis of codon-anticodon complexes in a ribosome. I. Kinetic schemes of factorless elongation].  
 Analiz statsionarnoi kinetiki elongatsii transliatsii v ramkakh gipotezy o stereospetsificheskoi **stabilizatsii** kodon-antikodonovykh kompleksov na ribosomes. I. Kineticheskie skhemy besfaktornoi elongatsii.

AU Saifullin S R; Potapov A P

SO MOLEKULIARNAIA BIOLOGIIA, (1995 Mar-Apr) 29 (2) 421-33.

Journal code: NGX. ISSN: 0026-8984.

CY RUSSIA: Russian Federation

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA Russian

FS Priority Journals

EM 199509

AB Dependences of steady-state rates of polypeptide elongation on concentrations of substrate (aminoacyl-tRNA) and product (deacylated tRNA) in the absence of elongation factors and GTP are theoretically analyzed in context of stereospecific **stabilization** of the codon-anticodon complexes at a ribosome. General kinetic scheme and different ribosome isomerization stages are examined. The effect of isomerization stage allows to identify reaction stage experimentally. Regulation of the direct

reaction by product and regulation of the reverse reaction by substrate are possible. Under certain conditions elongation system may show kinetic cooperativity.

CT \*Anticodon  
Binding Sites  
\*Codon  
English Abstract  
Isomerism  
Kinetics  
\*Ribosomes: CH, chemistry  
RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl: CH, chemistry  
\*Translation, Genetic  
CN 0 (Anticodon); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl)

L134 ANSWER 30 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 95189082 MEDLINE

DN 95189082

TI Identification and characterization of genes that are required for the accelerated degradation of mRNAs containing a premature translational termination codon.

AU Cui Y; Hagan K W; Zhang S; Peltz S W

CS Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, University of Medicine, Piscataway, New Jersey.

NC GM48631-01 (NIGMS)

SO GENES AND DEVELOPMENT, (1995 Feb 15) 9 (4) 423-36.

Journal code: FN3. ISSN: 0890-9369.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

OS GENBANK-U12137

EM 199506

AB In both prokaryotes and eukaryotes nonsense mutations in a gene can enhance the decay rate of the mRNA transcribed from the gene, a phenomenon described as nonsense-mediated mRNA decay. In yeast, the products of the UPF1 and UPF3 genes are required for this decay pathway, and in this report we focus on the identification and characterization of additional factors required for rapid decay of nonsense-containing mRNAs. We present evidence that the product of the UPF2 gene is a new factor involved in this decay pathway. Mutation of the UPF2 gene or deletion of it from the chromosome resulted in **stabilization** of nonsense-containing mRNAs, whereas the decay of wild-type transcripts was not affected. The UPF2 gene was isolated, and its transcript was characterized. Our results demonstrate that the UPF2 gene encodes a putative 126.7-kD protein with an acidic region at its carboxyl terminus (-D-E)n found in many nucleolar and transcriptional activator proteins. The UPF2 transcript is 3600 nucleotides in length and contains an intron near its 5' end. The UPF2 gene is dispensable for vegetative growth, but upf2 delta strains were found to be more sensitive to the translational elongation inhibitor cycloheximide than UPF2+. A genetic analysis of other alleles proposed to be involved in nonsense-mediated mRNA decay revealed that the UPF2 gene is allelic to the previously identified sua1 allele, a suppressor of an out-of-frame ATG insertion shown previously to reduce translational initiation from the normal ATG of the CYC1 gene. In addition, we demonstrate that another suppressor of this cycl mutation, sua6, is allelic to upf3, a previously identified lesion involved in nonsense-mediated mRNA decay.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
Alleles

Amino Acid Sequence

Base Sequence

\*Codon, Terminator

Cycloheximide: PD, pharmacology

\*Fungal Proteins: GE, genetics

Fungal Proteins: ME, metabolism

\*Genes, Fungal: GE, genetics  
 Genetic Complementation Test  
 Molecular Sequence Data  
 Mutation  
 RNA, Fungal: GE, genetics  
 RNA, Fungal: ME, metabolism  
 RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
 \*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism  
 Sequence Analysis, DNA  
 Suppression, Genetic  
 \*Trans-Activators: GE, genetics  
 Trans-Activators: ME, metabolism  
 Translation, Genetic  
 Yeasts: DE, drug effects  
 \*Yeasts: GE, genetics

RN 66-81-9 (Cycloheximide)  
 CN 0 (Codon, Terminator); 0 (Fungal Proteins); 0 (NMD2 protein); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (Trans-Activators)  
 GEN UPF2

L134 ANSWER 31 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 95147270 MEDLINE

DN 95147270

TI Consecutive low-usage leucine codons block translation only when near the 5' end of a message in Escherichia coli.

AU Goldman E; Rosenberg A H; Zubay G; Studier F W

CS Department of Microbiology & Molecular Genetics, New Jersey Medical School-UMDNJ, Newark 07103..

NC GM27711 (NIGMS)

SO JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, (1995 Feb 3) 245 (5) 467-73.

Journal code: J6V. ISSN: 0022-2836.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199505

AB Insertion of nine consecutive low-usage CUA leucine codons after codon 13 of a 313-codon test mRNA strongly inhibited its translation without apparent effect on translation of other mRNAs containing CUA codons. In contrast, nine consecutive high-usage CUG leucine codons at the same position had no apparent effect, and neither low- nor high-usage codons affected translation when inserted after codon 223 or 307. Additional experiments indicated that the strong positional effect of the low-usage codons could not be accounted for by differences in stability of the mRNAs or in stringency of selection of the correct tRNA. The positional effect could be explained if translation complexes are less stable near the beginning of a message: slow translation through low-usage codons early in the message may allow most translation complexes to dissociate before they read through.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
 Blotting, Northern

\*Codon

\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

\*Leucine: GE, genetics

Ribosomes

RNA, Messenger: CH, chemistry

RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

\*Translation, Genetic

RN 7005-03-0 (Leucine)

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 32 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 95115140 MEDLINE

DN 95115140

TI Attenuation of Theiler's murine encephalomyelitis virus by modifications

of the oligopyrimidine/AUG tandem, a host-dependent translational cis element.

AU Pilipenko E V; Gmyl A P; Maslova S V; Khitrina E V; Agol V I  
 CS Institute of Poliomyelitis and Viral Encephalitis, Russian Academy of Medical Sciences, Moscow Region.  
 SO JOURNAL OF VIROLOGY, (1995 Feb) 69 (2) 864-70.  
 Journal code: KCV. ISSN: 0022-538X.  
 CY United States  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
 EM 199504  
 AB A set of Theiler's murine encephalomyelitis virus mutants with engineered alterations in the conserved oligopyrimidine/AUG tandem (E. V. Pilipenko, A. P. Gmyl, S. V. Maslova, G. A. Belov, A. N. Sinyakov, M. Huang, T. D. K. Brown, and V. I. Agol, J. Mol. Biol. 241:398-414, 1994) were assayed for their growth potential in BHK-21 cells (as reflected in plaque size) and for neurovirulence upon intracerebral inoculation of mice. Tandem-destroying mutations, which included substitutions in the oligopyrimidine moiety and extended insertions into the oligopyrimidine/AUG spacer, exerted relatively little effect on the plaque size but ensured a high level of attenuation. The attenuated mutants exhibited remarkable genetic **stability** upon growth in BHK-21 cells. However, the brains of rare animals that developed symptoms after the inoculation with high doses of these mutants invariably contained pseudorevertants with the oligopyrimidine/AUG tandem restored by diverse deletions or an AUG-generating point mutation. The AUG moiety of the tandem in the revertant genomes was represented by either a cryptic codon or initiator codon. The results demonstrate that the tandem, while dispensable for the Theiler's murine encephalomyelitis virus growth in BHK-21 cells, is essential for neurovirulence in mice. Thus, the oligopyrimidine/AUG tandem is a host-dependent cis-acting control element that may be essential for virus replication under certain conditions. The functional activity of the tandem was retained when its oligopyrimidine or AUG moieties were made double stranded. A possible role of the tandem in the cap-independent internal initiation of translation on the picornavirus RNA templates is discussed.  
 CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
 Base Sequence  
 Brain: VI, virology  
 Cell Line  
 \*Codon  
 \*Genes, Regulator  
 Genome, Viral  
 Hamsters  
 Molecular Sequence Data  
 \*Theiler Murine Encephalomyelitis Virus: GE, genetics  
 \*Theiler Murine Encephalomyelitis Virus: PY, pathogenicity  
 \*Translation, Genetic  
 Virulence  
 CN 0 (Codon)

L134 ANSWER 33 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 95098611 MEDLINE

DN 95098611

TI Determination of the **optimal** aligned spacing between the Shine-Dalgarno sequence and the translation initiation codon of *Escherichia coli* mRNAs.

AU Chen H; Bjerknes M; Kumar R; Jay E

CS Department of Chemistry, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, Canada.

SO NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, (1994 Nov 25) 22 (23) 4953-7.

Journal code: O8L. ISSN: 0305-1048.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199503

AB The prokaryotic mRNA ribosome binding site (RBS) usually contains part or all of a polypurine domain UAAGGAGGU known as the Shine-Dalgarno (SD) sequence found just 5' to the translation initiation codon. It is now clear that the SD sequence is important for identification of the translation initiation site on the mRNA by the ribosome, and that as a result, the spacing between the SD and the initiation codon strongly affects translational efficiency (1). It is not as clear, however, whether there is a unique **optimal** spacing. Complications involving the definition of the spacing as well as secondary structures have obscured matters. We thus undertook a systematic study by inserting two series of synthetic RBSs of varying spacing and SD sequence into a plasmid vector containing the chloramphenicol acetyltransferase gene. Care was taken not to introduce any secondary structure. Measurements of protein expression demonstrated an **optimal** aligned spacing of 5 nt for both series. Since aligned spacing corresponds naturally to the spacing between the 3'-end of the 16S rRNA and the P-site, we conclude that there is a unique **optimal** aligned SD-AUG spacing in the absence of other complicating issues.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Base Sequence

Binding Sites

Chloramphenicol O-Acetyltransferase: GE, genetics

\*Codon, Initiator: GE, genetics

\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

Genes, Reporter: GE, genetics

Molecular Sequence Data

Polydeoxyribonucleotides: CS, chemical synthesis

Ribosomes

\*RNA, Bacterial: GE, genetics

RNA, Bacterial: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Ribosomal, 16S: ME, metabolism

Translation, Genetic: GE, genetics

CN EC 2.3.1.28 (Chloramphenicol O-Acetyltransferase); 0 (Codon, Initiator); 0 (Polydeoxyribonucleotides); 0 (RNA, Bacterial); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Ribosomal, 16S)

L134 ANSWER 34 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 95095049 MEDLINE

DN 95095049

TI Selection intensity for codon bias.

AU Hartl D L; Moriyama E N; Sawyer S A

CS Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138..

NC GM-40322 (NIGMS)

GM-44889 (NIGMS)

SO GENETICS, (1994 Sep) 138 (1) 227-34.

Journal code: FNH. ISSN: 0016-6731.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199503

AB The patterns of nonrandom usage of synonymous codons (codon bias) in enteric bacteria were analyzed. Poisson random field (PRF) theory was used to derive the expected distribution of frequencies of nucleotides differing from the ancestral state at aligned sites in a set of DNA sequences. This distribution was applied to synonymous nucleotide polymorphisms and amino acid polymorphisms in the gnd and putP genes of Escherichia coli. For the gnd gene, the average intensity of selection against disfavored synonymous codons was estimated as approximately  $7.3 \times 10^{-9}$ ; this value is significantly smaller than the estimated selection intensity against selectively disfavored amino acids in observed polymorphisms ( $2.0 \times 10^{-8}$ ), but it is approximately of the same order of

magnitude. The selection coefficients for **optimal** synonymous codons estimated from PRF theory were consistent with independent estimates based on codon usage for threonine and glycine. Across 118 genes in *E. coli* and *Salmonella typhimurium*, the distribution of estimated selection coefficients, expressed as multiples of the effective population size, has a mean and standard deviation of 0.5 +/- 0.4. No significant differences were found in the degree of codon bias between conserved positions and replacement positions, suggesting that translational misincorporation is not an important selective constraint among synonymous polymorphic codons in enteric bacteria. However, across the first 100 codons of the genes, conserved amino acids with identical codons have significantly greater codon bias than that of either synonymous or nonidentical codons, suggesting that there are unique selective constraints, perhaps including **mRNA** secondary structures, in this part of the coding region.

CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

**\*Codon: GE, genetics**

DNA, Bacterial: GE, genetics  
Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
Genes, Bacterial

**\*Models, Genetic**

Poisson Distribution  
Polymorphism (Genetics)  
Salmonella typhimurium: GE, genetics

**\*Selection (Genetics)**

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Bacterial)

L134 ANSWER 35 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 95046889 MEDLINE

DN 95046889

TI Nonsense-mediated **mRNA** decay in *Xenopus* oocytes and embryos.

AU Whitfield T T; Sharpe C R; Wylie C C

CS Wellcome/CRC Institute, Cambridge, United Kingdom..

SO DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY, (1994 Oct) 165 (2) 731-4.

Journal code: E7T. ISSN: 0012-1606.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199502

AB Mutant **mRNAs** carrying a premature stop codon have a reduced half-life in the cells of many species, probably due to the presence of "surveillance" pathways, which selectively target such **mRNAs** for degradation. It is reported here that this phenomenon may also occur in *Xenopus*. In vitro-synthesised transcripts encoding a *Xenopus* POU-domain protein, XLPOU-60, are **stable** after injection into the oocyte and embryo. However, introduction of a premature stop codon into these transcripts results in their rapid degradation following injection. In contrast, mutant transcripts with additional or deleted codons but retaining a correct reading frame are **stable**. These results suggest that **RNA stability** should be considered when designing control **mRNAs** for *Xenopus* injection experiments.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Base Sequence

**\*Codon, Nonsense**

\*Gene Expression Regulation, Developmental  
Molecular Sequence Data  
Oligodeoxyribonucleotides: CH, chemistry  
Oocytes: ME, metabolism  
Peptide Chain Termination

**\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism**

\**Xenopus laevis*: EM, embryology

CN 0 (Codon, Nonsense); 0 (Oligodeoxyribonucleotides); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 36 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 94290935 MEDLINE  
 DN 94290935  
 TI [Stability of messenger RNA of Escherichia coli ompA is affected by the use of synonymous codon].  
 La **stabilite** de l'ARN messenger d'ompA d'Escherichia coli est affectee par l'utilisation de codons synonymes.  
 AU Deana A; Reiss C  
 CS Institut Jacques Monod, CNRS-Universite Paris VII, France..  
 SO COMPTES RENDUS DE L ACADEMIE DES SCIENCES. SERIE III, SCIENCES DE LA VIE, (1993 Jul) 316 (7) 628-32.  
 Journal code: CAL. ISSN: 0764-4469.  
 CY France  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA French  
 FS Priority Journals  
 EM 199410  
 AB The ompA gene of E. coli was silently mutated by the substitution of nine codons located towards the end of the gene, by synonymous codons expected to be translated more slowly. At 37 degrees C in vivo the life-time of the ompA messenger RNA (mRNA) is reduced from 4.5 min (w.t.) to 3.8 min (silent mutant). The amount of mRNA of the silent mutant is only 30% of that observed for the w.t. gene. These variations are thought to be due to the uncoupling of transcription from translation, and a lesser protection of the mRNA towards RNase digestion by ribosomes, resulting from a lesser density of the ribosome traffic on the mutated polysome.  
 CT Blotting, Northern  
 \*Codon: GE, genetics  
 Codon: ME, metabolism  
 Drug Stability  
 English Abstract  
 \*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
 \*Genes, Bacterial: GE, genetics  
 \*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
 RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism  
 Translation, Genetic  
 CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 37 OF 126 MEDLINE  
 AN 94195303 MEDLINE  
 DN 94195303  
 TI [Interaction of deacylated phenylalanyl tRNA from yeasts with Escherichia coli ribosomes. The role of the modified nucleotide in codon-anticodon interaction].  
 Vzaimodeistvie deatsilirovannoi fenilalaninovoi tRNK iz drozhzhei s ribosomami Escherichia coli. Rol' modifitsirovannogo nukleotida v kodon-antikodonovom vazimodeistvii.  
 AU Katunin V I; Soboleva N G; Makhno V I; Sedel'nikova E A; Zhenodarova S M; Kirillov S V  
 SO MOLEKULIARNAIA BIOLOGIIA, (1994 Jan-Feb) 28 (1) 66-75.  
 Journal code: NGX. ISSN: 0026-8984.  
 CY RUSSIA: Russian Federation  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA Russian  
 FS Priority Journals  
 EM 199407  
 AB The method of anticodon loop replacement has been used to make derivatives of yeast tRNA(Phe)GmAAY with the substitution at the 37 position (tRNA(Phe)GAAA), and at both the anticodon (tRNA(Phe)GCAG) and the 37 position. A quantitative study of the interaction of various types of yeast deacylated tRNA: tRNA(Phe)GmAAY, tRNA(Phe)GAAA, tRNA(Phe)GCAG, and tRNA(Phe)-Y with the P site of the 70S ribosome.poly(U) complex was carried out at different Mg2+ concentrations and temperatures. The replacement of the Y base on the nonmodified adenosine decreases the interaction enthalpy from 39 to 24 kcal/mole, whereas the complete removal of the Y base reduces the interaction enthalpy to 16 kcal/mole. The



replacement of the second letter of the anticodon (A) with cytosine leads to a drop in the enthalpy to 6 kcal/mole, which is typical of tRNA interaction with the P site in the absence of poly(U). In the absence of poly(U) the affinity of tRNA(Phe)-Y for the P site of the 70S ribosome is 5 times lower than the affinity of tRNA(Phe)GmAAY and tRNA(Phe)GCAG. Thus, in the ribosome the modified nucleotide not only **stabilizes** the codon-anticodon interaction owing to the stacking interaction with the stack of codon-anticodon bases, but also lowers the free energy of binding as a result of the interaction of the modified nucleotide itself with the hydrophobic center of the P site on the ribosome.

CT Acylation

\*Anticodon

\*Codon

English Abstract

Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

Escherichia coli: ME, metabolism

Nucleotides: CH, chemistry

\*Nucleotides: ME, metabolism

\*Ribosomes: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Transfer, Phe: ME, metabolism

\*Saccharomyces cerevisiae: GE, genetics

Thermodynamics

CN 0 (Anticodon); 0 (Codon); 0 (Nucleotides); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Phe)

L134 ANSWER 38 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 94156180 MEDLINE

DN 94156180

TI Codon usage in Kluyveromyces lactis and in yeast cytochrome c-encoding genes.

AU Freire-Picos M A; Gonzalez-Siso M I; Rodriguez-Belmonte E;

Rodriguez-Torres A M; Ramil E; Cerdan M E

CS Departamento de Biologia Celular y Molecular, Universidad de La Coruna, Spain..

SO GENE, (1994 Feb 11) 139 (1) 43-9.

Journal code: FOP. ISSN: 0378-1119.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199406

AB Codon usage (CU) in Kluyveromyces lactis has been studied. Comparison of CU in highly and lowly expressed genes reveals the existence of 21 **optimal** codons; 18 of them are also **optimal** in other yeasts like Saccharomyces cerevisiae or Candida albicans. Codon bias index (CBI) values have been recalculated with reference to the assignment of **optimal** codons in K. lactis and compared to those previously reported in the literature taking as reference the **optimal** codons from S. cerevisiae. A new index, the intrinsic codon deviation index (ICDI), is proposed to estimate codon bias of genes from species in which **optimal** codons are not known; its correlation with other index values, like CBI or effective number of codons (Nc), is high. A comparative analysis of CU in six cytochrome-c-encoding genes (CYC) from five yeasts is also presented and the differences found in the codon bias of these genes are discussed in relation to the metabolic type to which the corresponding yeasts belong. Codon bias in the CYC from K. lactis and S. cerevisiae is correlated to mRNA levels.

CT Check Tags: Comparative Study; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Amino Acids: ME, metabolism

Base Sequence

\*Candida albicans: GE, genetics

Candida albicans: ME, metabolism

\*Codon: ME, metabolism

\*Genes, Fungal

\*Kluyveromyces: GE, genetics

Kluyveromyces: ME, metabolism

**RNA, Messenger: AN, analysis**

**RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism**

\*Saccharomyces cerevisiae: GE, genetics

Saccharomyces cerevisiae: ME, metabolism

Species Specificity

CN 0 (Amino Acids); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

GEN CYC; ACT; ADH1; ADH2; ADH3; ADH4; GAL7; GAL10; HHT1; IPP; K1CYC1; KLERD2;  
K1GAL11; K1GAP1; K1L25; K1KEX1; K1RP59; LAC4; LAC9; LEU2; RAG1; RAG2;  
SEC14; TRP1; URA3

L134 ANSWER 39 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 94152169 MEDLINE

DN 94152169

TI Synonymous codon usage in Kluyveromyces lactis.

AU Lloyd A T; Sharp P M

CS Department of Genetics, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland..

SO YEAST, (1993 Nov) 9 (11) 1219-28.

Journal code: YEA. ISSN: 0749-503X.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199405

AB The nature and variation of synonymous codon usage in 47 open reading frames from Kluyveromyces lactis have been investigated. Using multivariate statistical analysis, a single major trend among K. lactis genes was identified that differentiates among genes by expression level: highly expressed genes have high codon usage bias, while genes of low expression level have low bias. A relatively minor secondary trend differentiates among genes according to G+C content at silent sites. In these respects, K. lactis is similar to both Saccharomyces cerevisiae and Candida albicans, and the same 'optimal' codons appear to be selected in highly expressed genes in all three species. In addition, silent sites in K. lactis and S. cerevisiae have similar G+C contents, but in C. albicans genes they are more A+T-rich. Thus, in all essential features, codon usage in K. lactis is very similar to that in S. cerevisiae, even though silent sites in genes compared between these two species have undergone sufficient mutation to be saturated with changes. We conclude that the factors influencing overall codon usage, namely mutational biases and the abundances of particular tRNAs, have not diverged between the two species. Nevertheless, in a few cases, codon usage differs between homologous genes from K. lactis and S. cerevisiae. The strength of codon usage bias in cytochrome c genes differs considerably, presumably because of different expression patterns in the two species. Two other, linked, genes have very different G+C content at silent sites in the two species, which may be a reflection of their chromosomal locations. Correspondence analysis was used to identify two open reading frames with highly atypical codon usage that are probably not genes.

CT Check Tags: Comparative Study; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Base Sequence

Candida albicans: GE, genetics

\*Codon: GE, genetics

Evolution

Genes, Fungal

\*Kluyveromyces: GE, genetics

Open Reading Frames

**RNA, Fungal: GE, genetics**

Saccharomyces cerevisiae: GE, genetics

Species Specificity

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Fungal)

L134 ANSWER 40 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 94088561 MEDLINE

DN 94088561

TI Effect of sequence context at stop codons on efficiency of reinitiation in

GCN4 translational control.

AU Grant C M; Hinnebusch A G  
 CS Section on Molecular Genetics of Lower Eukaryotes, National Institute of  
 Child Health and Human Development, Bethesda, Maryland 20892..  
 SO MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY, (1994 Jan) 14 (1) 606-18.  
 Journal code: NGY. ISSN: 0270-7306.  
 CY United States  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals  
 EM 199403  
 AB Translational control of the GCN4 gene involves two short open reading  
 frames in the **mRNA** leader (uORF1 and uORF4) that differ greatly  
 in the ability to allow reinitiation at GCN4 following their own  
 translation. The low efficiency of reinitiation characteristic of uORF4  
 can be reconstituted in a hybrid element in which the last codon of uORF1  
 and 10 nucleotides 3' to its stop codon (the termination region) are  
 substituted with the corresponding nucleotides from uORF4. To define the  
 features of these 13 nucleotides that determine their effects on  
 reinitiation, we separately randomized the sequence of the third codon and  
 termination region of the uORF1-uORF4 hybrid and selected mutant alleles  
 with the high-level reinitiation that is characteristic of uORF1. The  
 results indicate that many different A+U-rich triplets present at the  
 third codon of uORF1 can overcome the inhibitory effect of the termination  
 region derived from uORF4 on the efficiency of reinitiation at GCN4.  
 Efficient reinitiation is not associated with codons specifying a  
 particular amino acid or isoacceptor tRNA. Similarly, we found that a  
 diverse collection of A+U-rich sequences present in the termination region  
 of uORF1 could restore efficient reinitiation at GCN4 in the presence of  
 the third codon derived from uORF4. To explain these results; we propose  
 that reinitiation can be impaired by **stable** base pairing between  
 nucleotides flanking the uORF1 stop codon and either the tRNA which pairs  
 with the third codon, the rRNA, or sequences located elsewhere in GCN4  
**mRNA**. We suggest that these interactions delay the resumption of  
 scanning following peptide chain termination at the uORF and thereby lead  
 to ribosome dissociation from the **mRNA**.

CT Base Sequence  
 \*Codon: **GE, genetics**  
 Gene Expression Regulation, Fungal  
 \*Genes, Fungal  
 Molecular Sequence Data  
 Mutagenesis, Insertional  
 Open Reading Frames  
 Peptide Chain Termination: **GE, genetics**  
 \*RNA, Fungal: **GE, genetics**  
 RNA, Messenger: **GE, genetics**  
 \*Saccharomyces cerevisiae: **GE, genetics**  
 \*Translation, Genetic  
 CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Fungal); 0 (RNA, Messenger)  
 GEN GCN4

L134 ANSWER 41 OF 126 MEDLINE  
 AN 94051567 MEDLINE  
 DN 94051567  
 TI Reduced synonymous substitution rate at the start of enterobacterial  
 genes.  
 AU Eyre-Walker A; Bulmer M  
 CS Department of Biological Sciences, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ  
 08855-1059..  
 SO NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, (1993 Sep 25) 21 (19) 4599-603.  
 Journal code: O8L. ISSN: 0305-1048.  
 CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
 EM 199402

- AB Synonymous codon usage is less biased at the start of Escherichia coli genes than elsewhere. The rate of synonymous substitution between E.coli and Salmonella typhimurium is substantially reduced near the start of the gene, which suggests the presence of an additional selection pressure which competes with the selection for codons which are most rapidly translated. Possible competing sources of selection are the presence of secondary ribosome binding sites downstream from the start codon, the avoidance of mRNA secondary structure near the start of the gene and the use of sub-optimal codons to regulate gene expression. We provide evidence against the last of these possibilities. We also show that there is a decrease in the frequency of A, and an increase in the frequency of G along the E.coli genes at all three codon positions. We argue that these results are most consistent with selection to avoid mRNA secondary structure.
- CT Check Tags: Comparative Study  
Base Composition  
\*Codon  
DNA, Bacterial: GE, genetics  
\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
\*Genes, Structural, Bacterial  
\*Salmonella typhimurium: GE, genetics  
Selection (Genetics)
- CN 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Bacterial)
- L134 ANSWER 42 OF 126 MEDLINE  
AN 93389723 MEDLINE  
DN 93389723  
TI The 3' codon context effect on UAG suppressor tRNA is different in Escherichia coli and human cells.  
AU Phillips-Jones M K; Watson F J; Martin R  
CS Krebs Institute for Biomolecular Research, University of Sheffield, Western Bank, U.K..  
SO JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, (1993 Sep 5) 233 (1) 1-6.  
Journal code: J6V. ISSN: 0022-2836.  
CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 199312
- AB We have compared the effect of 3' context on the efficiency of nonsense suppressor tRNAs in Escherichia coli and human cells. Plasmids containing amber (UAG) termination codons were constructed in the vector pRSV beta gal by oligonucleotide insertion at an N-terminal location in a lacZ fusion. A family of identical vectors was prepared with either A, C, G or U as the first 3' base following the stop codon. These derivatives of pRSV beta gal were expressed in E. coli as stable plasmids, or transiently in human 293 cell tissue culture. Nonsense suppression was monitored using enzyme assays for beta-galactosidase. In E. coli the efficiency of a plasmid-borne bacterial tRNA(trp) UAG suppressor varied A > G > C = U. When the same lacZ reporter vectors were cotransfected with a human tRNA(ser) UAG suppressor plasmid into human cells, context effects of a different nature were detected. Double reciprocal analysis of dose-response experiments were used to show that the efficiency of suppression varied C > G > U = A. The discovery of different codon context effects on nonsense suppression in human cells suggest that the interaction between mammalian tRNAs or release factors and their target codons may have different characteristics from those in bacteria.
- CT Check Tags: Comparative Study; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
beta-Galactosidase: BI, biosynthesis  
beta-Galactosidase: GE, genetics  
Base Sequence  
Cells, Cultured  
\*Codon: GE, genetics  
\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
Gene Expression Regulation  
Genetic Vectors: GE, genetics

## Molecular Sequence Data

Recombinant Fusion Proteins: BI, biosynthesis

**\*RNA, Transfer, Trp: GE, genetics****\*Suppression, Genetic****\*Terminator Regions (Genetics): GE, genetics**

Transfection

Translation, Genetic

CN EC 3.2.1.23 (beta-Galactosidase); 0 (Codon); 0 (Recombinant Fusion Proteins); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Trp)

L134 ANSWER 43 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 93373326 MEDLINE

DN 93373326

TI A codon 248 p53 mutation retains tumor suppressor function as shown by enhancement of tumor growth by antisense p53.

AU Mukhopadhyay T; Roth J A

CS Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston 77030.

NC R01-CA45187 (NCI)

SO CANCER RESEARCH, (1993 Sep 15) 53 (18) 4362-6.

Journal code: CNF. ISSN: 0008-5472.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199312

AB Codon 248 in domain iv of the highly conserved region of the p53 gene is a frequent site of mutations associated with sporadic cancers and the familial cancer syndrome (Li-Fraumeni syndrome). Therefore, a characterization of the functional significance of a codon 248 mutation is of interest. We used antisense RNA methodology to study the role of the wild-type and mutated p53 gene in cell growth and tumorigenesis. We introduced wild-type p53 complementary DNA in sense or antisense orientation under control of a beta-actin promoter into human non-small cell lung cancer cell line H322a which has a codon 248 mutation (G to T) and WTH226b which has wild type p53. The biological properties and p53 expression of stable G418-resistant clones were analyzed. We observed that in both cell lines antisense RNA expression significantly reduced p53 mRNA and protein production; it also caused increases in growth rate in cell cultures and in tumorigenicity in nu/nu mice for both cell types, suggesting that the mechanism by which p53 suppresses cell proliferation and tumorigenesis is not always abrogated by a codon 248 mutation.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

Base Sequence

Cell Division

**\*Codon****\*Genes, p53**

Mice

Molecular Sequence Data

**\*Mutation****\*Neoplasms, Experimental: PA, pathology****\*RNA, Antisense: PD, pharmacology**

Tumor Cells, Cultured

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Antisense)

GEN p53

L134 ANSWER 44 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 93344516 MEDLINE

DN 93344516

TI Transfer RNA-mediated suppression of stop codons in protoplasts and transgenic plants.

AU Carneiro V T; Pelletier G; Small I

CS Laboratoire de Biologie Cellulaire, INRA, Versailles, France..

SO PLANT MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, (1993 Jul) 22 (4) 681-90.

Journal code: A60. ISSN: 0167-4412.  
CY Netherlands  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals  
EM 199311  
AB We have developed a simple, rapid and sensitive assay for tRNA gene expression in plant cells. A plant tRNA(Leu) gene was site-specifically mutated to encode each of the three anticodon sequences (CUA, UUA and UCA) that recognize, respectively, the amber, ochre and opal stop codons. The suppression activity of these genes was detected by their ability to restore transient beta-glucuronidase (GUS) expression in tobacco protoplasts electroporated with GUS genes containing premature stop codons. Protoplasts co-electroporated with the amber suppressor tRNA gene and a GUS gene containing a premature amber stop codon showed up to 20-25% of the activity found in protoplasts transfected with the functional control GUS gene. Ochre and opal suppressors presented maximum efficiencies of less than 1%. This system could be adapted to examine transcription, processing or aminoacylation of tRNAs in plant cells. In addition, phenotypically normal, fertile tobacco plants expressing a **stably** incorporated amber suppressor tRNA gene have been obtained. This suppressor tRNA can be used to transactivate a target gene containing a premature amber stop codon by a factor of at least several hundred-fold.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Amino Acid Sequence  
**Anticodon: GE, genetics**  
Base Sequence  
**\*Codon: GE, genetics**  
Glucuronidase: GE, genetics  
Kanamycin Resistance: GE, genetics  
Legumes: GE, genetics  
Molecular Sequence Data  
Mutation  
**\*Peptide Chain Termination: GE, genetics**  
**\*Plants, Transgenic: GE, genetics**  
Protoplasts  
**RNA, Transfer, Leu: BI, biosynthesis**  
**\*RNA, Transfer, Leu: GE, genetics**  
**\*Suppression, Genetic**  
Tobacco: GE, genetics  
Transformation, Genetic

CN EC 3.2.1.31 (Glucuronidase); 0 (Anticodon); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Leu)

L134 ANSWER 45 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 93287139 MEDLINE

DN 93287139

TI Neutral adaptation of the genetic code to double-strand coding.

AU Konecny J; Eckert M; Schoniger M; Hofacker G L

CS Tech University Munich, Garching, Federal Republic of Germany..

SO JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR EVOLUTION, (1993 May) 36 (5) 407-16.

Journal code: J76. ISSN: 0022-2844.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199309

AB We lay new foundations to the hypothesis that the genetic code is adapted to evolutionary retention of information in the antisense strands of natural DNA/RNA sequences. In particular, we show that the genetic code exhibits, beyond the neutral replacement patterns of amino acid substitutions, **optimal** properties by favoring simultaneous evolution of proteins encoded in DNA/RNA sense-antisense strands. This is borne out in the sense-antisense transformations of the codons of every amino acid which target amino acids physicochemically similar to each other. Moreover, silent mutations in the sense strand

generate conservative ones in its antisense counterpart and vice versa. Coevolution of proteins coded by complementary strands is shown to be a definite possibility, a result which does not depend on any physical interaction between the coevolving proteins. Likewise, the degree to which the present genetic code is dedicated to evolutionary sense-antisense tolerance is demonstrated by comparison with many randomized codes. Double-strand coding is quantified from an information-theoretical point of view.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Adaptation, Biological

\*Codon: GE, genetics

DNA: GE, genetics

DNA, Antisense: GE, genetics

\*Genetic Code: GE, genetics

Models; Genetic

Mutagenesis: GE, genetics

RN 9007-49-2 (DNA)

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Antisense)

L134 ANSWER 46 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 93274877 MEDLINE

DN 93274877

TI Accuracy of tRNA charging and codon: anticodon recognition; relative importance for cellular **stability**.

AU Kowald A; Kirkwood T B

CS Laboratory of Mathematical Biology, National Institute for Medical Research, Mill Hill, London, U.K.

SO JOURNAL OF THEORETICAL BIOLOGY, (1993 Feb 21) 160 (4) 493-508.

Journal code: K8N. ISSN: 0022-5193.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199309

AB Cellular homeostasis and the mechanisms which control homeostasis are important for understanding such fundamental processes as ageing and the origin of life. Several models have studied the importance of accurate protein synthesis for cellular **stability**, but these models have not considered the complexities of the translation process in any detail. Here we develop a new model which describes the interplay between aminoacyl-tRNA (aatRNA) synthetases, the cellular pool of charged tRNAs and the process of codon: anticodon recognition. We also take the processive character of the ribosomes into account. In common with previous work, our model predicts that the cellular translation apparatus can either be **stable** or deteriorate progressively with time. However, because our model explicitly describes different subreactions of the overall translation process, we are also able to assess the relative importance of accurate tRNA charging and codon: anticodon recognition for cellular **stability**. It appears that the tRNA charging by the aatRNA synthetases plays the key role in controlling the long-term **stability** of the cell. Ribosomal errors are less important because error-prone ribosomes, being processive, produce mainly inactive proteins which do not contribute to error propagation within the translation machinery.

CT Check Tags: Animal

Amino Acyl-tRNA Ligases: ME, metabolism

\*Anticodon: GE, genetics

\*Cell Physiology

\*Cells: PH, physiology

\*Codon: GE, genetics

\*Models, Genetic

Proteins: BI, biosynthesis

Ribosomes: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Transfer: GE, genetics

Translation, Genetic: GE, genetics

RN 9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)

CN EC 6.1.1. (Amino Acyl-tRNA Ligases); 0 (Anticodon); 0 (Codon); 0 (Proteins)

L134 ANSWER 47 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 93204490 MEDLINE

DN 93204490

TI Synonymous codon preferences in bacteriophage T4: a distinctive use of transfer **RNAs** from T4 and from its host Escherichia coli.

AU Kunisawa T

CS Department of Applied Biological Sciences, Science University of Tokyo, Noda, Japan..

SO JOURNAL OF THEORETICAL BIOLOGY, (1992 Dec 7) 159 (3) 287-98.

Journal code: K8N. ISSN: 0022-5193.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199306

AB Codon usage data of bacteriophage T4 genes were compiled and synonymous codon preferences were investigated in comparison with tRNA availabilities in an infected cell. Since the genome of T4 is highly AT rich and its codon usage pattern is significantly different from that of its host Escherichia coli, certain codons of T4 genes need to be translated by appropriate host transfer **RNAs** present in minor amounts. To avoid this predicament, T4 phage seems to direct the synthesis of its own tRNA molecules and these phage tRNAs are suggested to supplement the host tRNA population with isoacceptors that are normally present in minor amounts. A positive correlation was found in that the frequency of E. coli **optimal** codons in T4 genes increases as the number of protein monomers per phage particle increases. A negative correlation was also found between the number of protein monomers per phage and the frequency of "T4 **optimal** codons", which are defined as those codons that are efficiently recognized by T4 tRNAs. From these observations it was proposed that tRNAs from the host are predominantly used for translation of highly expressed T4 genes while tRNAs from T4 tend to be used for translation of weakly expressed T4 genes. This distinctive tRNA-usage in T4 may be an **optimization** of translational efficiency, and an adjustment of T4-encoded tRNAs to the synonymous codon preferences, which are largely influenced by the high genomic AT-content, would have occurred during evolution.

CT \*Bacteriophage T4: GE, genetics

\*Codon: PH, physiology

\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

\*RNA, Transfer: PH, physiology

RN 9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)

CN 0 (Codon)

L134 ANSWER 48 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 93050236 MEDLINE

DN 93050236

TI Codon-anticodon pairing. A model for interacting codon-anticodon duplexes located at the ribosomal A- and P-sites.

AU Lim V I; Venclovas C

CS Institute of Protein Research, Russian Academy of Sciences, Pushchino, Moscow Region..

SO FEBS LETTERS, (1992 Nov 23) 313 (2) 133-7.

Journal code: EUH. ISSN: 0014-5793.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199302

AB The interaction between two codon-anticodon duplexes of the ribosomal A- and P-site-bound tRNAs is the key feature of the proposed model. This interaction prohibits non-canonical base pairing at the first and second positions of the codon and controls base pairing at the third position



(wobbling rules ensuing from the model are in good accord with those generated from experiments). The model is capable of predicting codon context effects. It follows from the model that modifications of the first anticodon residue of the P-site tRNA can affect the **stability** of the A-site duplex, and that the translation of a DNA single chain analogue of mRNA should be accompanied by non-canonical base pairing at all three positions of the codon. These predictions of the model can be subjected to experimental tests.

CT **\*Anticodon**

**\*Base Composition**

**\*Codon**

**\*Models, Structural**

Nucleic Acid Conformation

Ribosomes

CN 0 (Anticodon); 0 (Codon)

L134 ANSWER 49 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 92373749 MEDLINE

DN 92373749

TI Translation inhibition by an mRNA coding region secondary structure is determined by its proximity to the AUG initiation codon.

AU Liehaber S A; Cash F; Eshleman S S

CS Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Department of Genetics, University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine, Philadelphia 19104-6145..

SO JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, (1992 Aug 5) 226 (3) 609-21.

Journal code: J6V. ISSN: 0022-2836.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199211

AB In the present study we investigate the impact of highly **stable** coding region secondary structures on mRNA translation efficiency. By introducing antisense segments into the 3' non-translated region of human alpha-globin mRNA we are able to synthesize a series of transcripts in which site-specific secondary structures are introduced without altering the primary structure of the 5' non-translated region, the coding region, or the encoded protein product. Coding region duplexes in close proximity to the AUG initiation codon are found to inhibit translation severely to a degree equal to that of a duplex that extends into the 5' non-translated region. In contrast, mRNAs containing duplexes positioned further 3' in the coding region translate at levels that are significantly higher although are still below those of native alpha-globin mRNA. The primary determinant of translation inhibition by coding region duplexes appears to be the proximity of the duplex to the AUG initiation codon and reflects a parallel inhibition of monosome formation. These data demonstrate that extensive coding region secondary structures suppress translation to a minimal or to a substantial degree depending on their distance from the initiation codon.

CT Check Tags: Human

Base Sequence

Chromosome Deletion

**\*Codon: GE, genetics**

DNA: GE, genetics

**\*Globin: GE, genetics**

Molecular Sequence Data

Mutagenesis, Site-Directed

Nucleic Acid Conformation

Nucleic Acid Heteroduplexes: CH, chemistry

Nucleic Acid Heteroduplexes: GE, genetics

Oligodeoxyribonucleotides

**\*Oligonucleotides, Antisense**

Restriction Mapping

Ribonucleases

RNA, Messenger: BI, biosynthesis

RNA, Messenger: CH, chemistry

**\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics**

Suppression, Genetic

Transcription, Genetic

**\*Translation, Genetic: GE, genetics**

RN 9004-22-2 (Globin); 9007-49-2 (DNA)

CN EC 3.1.- (Ribonucleases); 0 (Codon); 0 (Nucleic Acid Heteroduplexes); 0 (Oligodeoxyribonucleotides); 0 (Oligonucleotides, Antisense); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 50 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 92249095 MEDLINE

DN 92249095

TI The relationship between metastatic phenotype and steady expression of BGC-Ha-ras oncogene from metastasis cell lines in nude mice (abstract).

AU Li Y J

CS Beijing Institute for Cancer Research.

SO CHUNG-HUA CHUNG LIU TSA CHIH [CHINESE JOURNAL OF ONCOLOGY], (1992

Nov) 13 (6) 402-5.

Journal code: EBH. ISSN: 0253-3766.

CY China

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA Chinese

FS Priority Journals

EM 199208

AB NIH/3T3 cells transformed by activated BGC-Ha-ras (6.6 kb) with a point mutation at codon 12 were able to induce tumor in nude mice with lung metastasis. The metastatic phenotype seemed **stable** in vivo metastasis assay. After two round subculture of the successively induced metastasis foci, two cell lines, GCM-1/3T3 and GCM-2/3T3, were established. In Southern blot analysis it was found that the bands from GCM-1/3T3 and GCM-2/3T3 were the same. Based on Southern analysis and polymerase chain reaction-restriction fragment length polymorphism (PCR-RFLP), it was proved that the activated c-Ha-ras (6.6 kb) existed all along in the genomes of the transformed and metastatic culture cells. Amplification and over-expression of activated c-Ha-ras were shown by DNA and RNA dot blot hybridization in transformed and metastatic culture cells. The metastatic phenotype might be related to the existence and steady expression of the point mutated ras.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Human

**\*Cell Transformation, Neoplastic: GE, genetics****\*Codon: GE, genetics**

English Abstract

Fibrosarcoma: PA, pathology

Gene Expression Regulation, Neoplastic

**\*Genes, ras: PH, physiology**

Mice

Mice, Inbred Strains

Mice, Nude

**\*Neoplasm Metastasis: GE, genetics**

Polymerase Chain Reaction

Polymorphism, Restriction Fragment Length

Proto-Oncogene Protein p21(ras): GE, genetics

Stomach Neoplasms: PA, pathology

Tumor Cells, Cultured

CN EC 3.6.1.- (Proto-Oncogene Protein p21(ras)); 0 (Codon)

L134 ANSWER 51 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 92224276 MEDLINE

DN 92224276

TI Codon usage is imposed by the gene location in the transcription unit.

AU Delorme M O; Henaut A

CS Centre de Genetique Moleculaire, Laboratoire propre du CNRS associe `a l'Universite Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris VI, Gif-sur-Yvette, France..

SO CURRENT GENETICS, (1991 Nov) 20 (5) 353-8.

Journal code: CUG. ISSN: 0172-8083.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals  
EM 199207  
AB A characteristic profile of the fluctuations of codon usage is observed in bacteriophages and mitochondria. By following the DNA in the direction of transcription, one moves slowly from a region where selective pressure favours codons ending with C to a region where the bias is in favour of codons ending with T; then, abruptly, one again enters a region of codons ending in C. The transcription end point takes place in the area of abrupt change in codon usage. By comparing *Drosophila yakuba* and mouse mitochondrial genomes, it is possible to show that the strategy of codon usage for a given gene depends on its location along the transcription unit and not on the encoded protein. The choice of codons ending in T or C allows large scale variations of DNA **stability** which could regulate the speed of propagation of the **RNA** polymerase.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Comparative Study; Human  
Bacteriophages: GE, genetics  
Chromosome Mapping  
**\*Codon**  
Drosophila: GE, genetics  
DNA, Mitochondrial  
Mice  
**\*Mitochondria: ME, metabolism**  
Selection (Genetics)  
**\*Transcription, Genetic**

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Mitochondrial)

L134 ANSWER 52 OF 126 MEDLINE  
AN 92175524 MEDLINE  
DN 92175524  
TI Efficient synthesis of secreted murine interleukin-2 by *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*: influence of 3'-untranslated regions and codon usage.  
AU Demolder J; Fiers W; Contreras R  
CS Laboratory of Molecular Biology, State University, Gent, Belgium..  
SO GENE, (1992 Feb 15) 111 (2) 207-13.  
Journal code: FOP. ISSN: 0378-1119.  
CY Netherlands  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals  
EM 199206  
AB Several expression vectors were compared which directed the synthesis of secreted murine interleukin-2 (mIL2) in the culture medium of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. We used the prepro-sequence of the alpha 1 mating-factor precursor as a secretion signal in *S. cerevisiae* in combination with different promoters. The yield of mature mIL2 was significantly improved by deleting the major part of the 3'-untranslated region (UTR). In Northern-blotting experiments we showed that a destabilizing sequence present in the 3' UTR might be responsible for rapid degradation of the mIL2 **mRNA**. The highest expression (about 10 micrograms/ml) was obtained under control of the GAL1 promoter in an *S. cerevisiae* strain where the regulatory GAL4 gene was overexpressed. No difference in expression level was observed in a construct wherein twelve consecutive codons were replaced by **optimal** codons for *S. cerevisiae*.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Base Sequence  
Blotting, Northern  
**\*Codon: GE, genetics**  
Fungal Proteins: GE, genetics  
**\*Gene Expression Regulation, Fungal: GE, genetics**  
**\*Genetic Vectors: GE, genetics**  
Interleukin-2: BI, biosynthesis  
**\*Interleukin-2: GE, genetics**  
Interleukin-2: SE, secretion

Mice  
Molecular Sequence Data  
Peptides: GE, genetics  
Plasmids: GE, genetics  
Promoter Regions (Genetics): GE, genetics  
Protein Precursors: GE, genetics  
\*Saccharomyces cerevisiae: GE, genetics  
Transcription Factors: GE, genetics  
RN 61194-02-3 (mating factor)  
CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Fungal Proteins); 0 (GAL4 protein, Saccharomyces); 0  
(Interleukin-2); 0 (Peptides); 0 (Plasmids); 0 (Protein Precursors); 0  
(Transcription Factors)  
GEN MIL2; GAL1; GAL4

L134 ANSWER 53 OF 126 MEDLINE  
AN 92102673 MEDLINE  
DN 92102673  
TI Evaluation of foreign gene codon **optimization** in yeast:  
expression of a mouse IG kappa chain.  
AU Kotula L; Curtis P J  
CS Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology, Philadelphia, PA 19104..  
SO BIO/TECHNOLOGY, (1991 Dec) 9 (12) 1386-9.  
Journal code: AL1. ISSN: 0733-222X.  
CY United States  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS B  
EM 199204  
AB We have **optimized** the codons in an immunoglobulin kappa chain  
gene to those preferred in the yeast Saccharomyces cerevisiae. The mutant  
and wild type kappa chain genes were each fused with a synthetic invertase  
signal peptide that also contained only yeast-preferred codons, and  
expressed in the F762 yeast strain. The use of yeast-preferred codons  
resulted in a more than 5-fold increase in the rate of synthesis and at  
least a 50-fold increase in the steady state level of protein.  
CT Check Tags: Animal; Comparative Study; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Biotechnology  
\*Codon: GE, genetics  
DNA: GE, genetics  
Gene Expression  
Immunoglobulins, kappa-Chain: BI, biosynthesis  
\*Immunoglobulins, kappa-Chain: GE, genetics  
Mice  
RNA, Fungal: GE, genetics  
RNA, Fungal: ME, metabolism  
RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism  
\*Saccharomyces cerevisiae: GE, genetics  
Signal Peptides: GE, genetics  
RN 9007-49-2 (DNA)  
CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Immunoglobulins, kappa-Chain); 0 (RNA, Fungal); 0  
(RNA, Messenger); 0 (Signal Peptides)

L134 ANSWER 54 OF 126 MEDLINE  
AN 92084103 MEDLINE  
DN 92084103  
TI The product of the yeast UPF1 gene is required for rapid turnover of  
mRNAs containing a premature translational termination codon.  
AU Leeds P; Peltz S W; Jacobson A; Culbertson M R  
CS Laboratories of Genetics and Molecular Biology, University of Wisconsin,  
Madison 53706..  
NC GM26217 (NIGMS)  
GM27757 (NIGMS)  
GM07133 (NIGMS)  
SO GENES AND DEVELOPMENT, (1991 Dec) 5 (12A) 2303-14.  
Journal code: FN3. ISSN: 0890-9369.  
CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals  
EM 199203  
AB **mRNA** decay rates often increase when translation is terminated prematurely due to a frameshift or nonsense mutation. We have identified a yeast gene, UPF1, that codes for a trans-acting factor whose function is necessary for enhanced turnover of **mRNAs** containing a premature stop codon. In the absence of UPF1 function, frameshift or nonsense mutations in the HIS4 or LEU2 genes that normally cause rapid **mRNA** decay fail to have this effect. Instead, the **mRNAs** decay at rates similar to the corresponding wild-type **mRNAs**. The **stabilization** of frameshift or nonsense **mRNAs** observed in upf1- strains does not appear to result from enhanced readthrough of the termination signal. Loss of UPF1 function has no effect on the accumulation or **stability** of HIS4+ or LEU2+ **mRNA**, suggesting that the UPF1 product functions only in response to a premature termination signal. When we examined the accumulation and **stability** of other wild-type **mRNAs** in the presence or absence of UPF1, including MAT alpha 1, STE3, ACT1, PGK1, PAB1, and URA3 **mRNAs**, only the URA3 transcript was affected. On the basis of these and other results, the UPF1 product appears to participate in a previously uncharacterized pathway leading to the degradation of a limited class of yeast transcripts.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

Base Sequence

Cloning, Molecular

**\*Codon**

DNA

Fungal Proteins: GE, genetics

Histidine: GE, genetics

Molecular Sequence Data

Mutation

**\*Peptide Chain Termination**

Plasmids

Ribosomes: ME, metabolism

**\*RNA, Fungal: ME, metabolism**

**\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism**

**\*Saccharomyces cerevisiae: GE, genetics**

Terminator Regions (Genetics)

Translation, Genetic

RN 7006-35-1 (Histidine); 9007-49-2 (DNA)

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Fungal Proteins); 0 (Plasmids); 0 (RNA, Fungal); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

GEN UPF1

L134 ANSWER 55 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 92042179 MEDLINE

DN 92042179

TI Nitrate-inducible formate dehydrogenase in Escherichia coli K-12. II. Evidence that a **mRNA** stem-loop structure is essential for decoding opal (UGA) as selenocysteine.

AU Berg B L; Baron C; Stewart V

CS Section of Microbiology, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853-8101.

NC GM36877 (NIGMS)

SO JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, (1991 Nov 25) 266 (33) 22386-91.

Journal code: HIV. ISSN: 0021-9258.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199202

AB fdnG, encoding the selenopeptide of Escherichia coli formate dehydrogenase-N, contains an in-frame opal (UGA) codon at amino acid position 196 that directs selenocysteine incorporation. We have identified

sequences that contribute to the **mRNA** context required for decoding this UGA as selenocysteine. We identified a potential stem-loop structure immediately downstream of UGA196 that is comparable in size and structure to a stem-loop predicted to form in *fdhF*, which encodes the selenopeptide of *E. coli* formate dehydrogenase-H. Mutational analysis of the *fdnG* stem-loop structure suggests that it is critical for decoding UGA196 as selenocysteine. Our data indicate that both **stability** and specific nucleotide sequences of the stem-loop likely contribute to the appropriate **mRNA** context for selenocysteine incorporation into the *fdnG* gene product.

CT Check Tags: Comparative Study; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

Base Composition

Base Sequence

Cloning, Molecular

\*Codon: GE, genetics

\*Cysteine: AA, analogs & derivatives

Cysteine: ME, metabolism

Enzyme Induction

Escherichia coli: DE, drug effects

Escherichia coli: EN, enzymology

\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

Formate Dehydrogenases: BI, biosynthesis

\*Formate Dehydrogenases: GE, genetics

Genotype

Molecular Sequence Data

Mutagenesis, Site-Directed

\*Nitrates: PD, pharmacology

Nucleic Acid Conformation

Oligodeoxyribonucleotides

\*Organoselenium Compounds: ME, metabolism

Plasmids

\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

RN 10236-58-5 (Selenocysteine); 52-90-4 (Cysteine)

CN EC 1.2.1.2 (Formate Dehydrogenases); 0 (Codon); 0 (Nitrates); 0 (Oligodeoxyribonucleotides); 0 (Organoselenium Compounds); 0 (Plasmids); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

GEN *fdhF*; *fdnG*

L134 ANSWER 56 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 91355866 MEDLINE

DN 91355866

TI Analysis of leaky viral translation termination codons in vivo by transient expression of improved beta-glucuronidase vectors.

AU Skuzeski J M; Nichols L M; Gesteland R F

CS Howard Hughes Medical Institute, University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City 84132..

SO PLANT MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, (1990 Jul) 15 (1) 65-79.

Journal code: A60. ISSN: 0167-4412.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199112

AB Plant **RNA** viruses commonly exploit leaky translation termination signals in order to express internal protein coding regions. As a first step to elucidate the mechanism(s) by which ribosomes bypass leaky stop codons in vivo, we have devised a system in which readthrough is coupled to the transient expression of beta-glucuronidase (GUS) in tobacco protoplasts. GUS vectors that contain the stop codons and surrounding nucleotides from the readthrough regions of several different **RNA** viruses were constructed and the plasmids were tested for the ability to direct transient GUS expression. These studies indicated that ribosomes bypass the leaky termination sites at efficiencies ranging from essentially 0 to ca. 5% depending upon the viral sequence. The results

suggest that the efficiency of readthrough is determined by the sequence surrounding the stop codon. We describe improved GUS expression vectors and **optimized** transfection conditions which made it possible to assay low-level translational events.

CT Base Sequence

\*Codon: GE, genetics

DNA, Viral: GE, genetics

Genetic Vectors

Glucuronidase: GE, genetics

Molecular Sequence Data

Peptide Chain Termination

Plant Viruses: EN, enzymology

\*Plant Viruses: GE, genetics

Tobacco: EN, enzymology

Tobacco: GE, genetics

\*Translation, Genetic

CN EC 3.2.1.31 (Glucuronidase); 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Viral)

L134 ANSWER 57 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 91334248 MEDLINE

DN 91334248

TI Codon usage and secondary structure of **mRNA**.

AU Zama M

CS Division of Biology, National Institute of Radiological Sciences, Chiba-shi, Japan..

SO NUCLEIC ACIDS SYMPOSIUM SERIES, (1990) (22) 93-4.

Journal code: O8N. ISSN: 0261-3166.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199111

AB The specific codon usage pattern of the repetitive unit nucleotide sequence of silk fibroin **mRNA** suggests that selection has operated on the codon usage to **optimize** the secondary structure characteristic of the **mRNA**. The correlation between the **stability** map of local secondary structure of type I collagen **mRNA** and the codon usage pattern and the translation rate of the collagen is also implied.

CT Check Tags: Animal

\*Codon

Evolution

Fibroin: GE, genetics

Nucleic Acid Conformation

Nucleic Acid Denaturation

Repetitive Sequences, Nucleic Acid

**RNA, Messenger: CH, chemistry**

\***RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics**

Silkworms: GE, genetics

Translation, Genetic

RN 9007-76-5 (Fibroin)

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (**RNA, Messenger**)

L134 ANSWER 58 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 91334193 MEDLINE

DN 91334193

TI Assignments of the iminoproton resonances of Bombyx mori tRNA(UCCGly) and the comparison of its structure and **stability** with those of tRNA(GCCGly).

AU Amano M; Kyogoku Y; Kawakami M

CS Institute for Protein Research, Osaka University, Japan.

SO NUCLEIC ACIDS SYMPOSIUM SERIES, (1990) (22) 111-2.

Journal code: O8N. ISSN: 0261-3166.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals  
EM 199111  
AB Most of the iminoproton resonances in the 1H-NMR spectrum of Bombyx mori tRNA(UCCGly) have been assigned by the sequential NOEs. Any peak which indicates the presence of the tertiary GC base pair between the D and T loops could not be detected. The effects of temperature and the addition of magnesium ions and spermine on the 1H-NMR spectrum of this tRNA were examined. From the temperature change, it was found that the acceptor stem and the D stem in Bombyx mori tRNA(UCCGly) are equally **stable** even in the absence of magnesium, which is different from tRNA(GCCGly) where the D stem is not so **stable**.

CT Check Tags: Animal  
Base Sequence  
**\*Codon**  
Magnesium: PD, pharmacology  
Molecular Sequence Data  
Nuclear Magnetic Resonance  
Nucleic Acid Conformation  
**\*RNA, Transfer, Gly: CH, chemistry**  
Silkworms  
Spermine: PD, pharmacology  
Thermodynamics

RN 71-44-3 (Spermine); 7439-95-4 (Magnesium)  
CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Gly)

L134 ANSWER 59 OF 126 MEDLINE  
AN 91309730 MEDLINE  
DN 91309730  
TI Codon bias and gene expression.  
AU Kurland C G  
CS Department of Molecular Biology, Uppsala University, Sweden..  
SO FEBS LETTERS, (1991 Jul 22) 285 (2) 165-9. Ref: 48  
Journal code: EUH. ISSN: 0014-5793.  
CY Netherlands  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
General Review; (REVIEW)  
(REVIEW, TUTORIAL)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 199110  
AB The frequencies with which individual synonymous codons are used to code their cognate amino acids is quite variable from genome to genome and within genomes, from gene to gene. One particularly well documented codon bias is that associated with highly expressed genes in bacteria as well as in yeast; this is the so-called major codon bias. Here, it is suggested that the major codon bias is not an arrangement for regulating individual gene expression. Instead, the data suggest that this codon bias, which is correlated with a corresponding bias of tRNA abundance, is a global arrangement for **optimizing** the growth efficiency of cells. On the practical side, it is suggested that heterologous gene expression is not as sensitive to codon bias as previously thought, but that it is quite sensitive to other characteristics of the heterologous gene.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
**\*Codon**  
Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
**\*Gene Expression**  
Proteins: ME, metabolism  
**RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism**  
**RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl: ME, metabolism**  
Saccharomyces cerevisiae: GE, genetics  
**\*Translation, Genetic**

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl)

L134 ANSWER 60 OF 126 MEDLINE  
AN 91289687 MEDLINE



DN 91289687  
 TI Influence of the codon following the initiation codon on the expression of the lacZ gene in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.  
 AU Looman A C; Laude M; Stahl U  
 CS Institut für Garungsgewerbe und Biotechnologie, Berlin, FRG..  
 SO YEAST, (1991 Feb) 7 (2) 157-65.  
 Journal code: YEA. ISSN: 0749-503X.  
 CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals  
 EM 199110  
 AB A set of 32 different codons were introduced in a lacZ expression vector (pPTK400) immediately 3' from the AUG initiation codon. Expression of the lacZ gene was determined in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* by measuring the amount of beta-galactosidase fusion protein using immuno-gel electrophoresis. A 5.3-fold difference in expression was found among the various constructs. It was found that there was no preference for a certain nucleotide in any position of the second codon and there was no distinct correlation between the level of tRNA corresponding to any particular second codon and expression. No correlation could be found between the local secondary structure and expression. When the overall codon usage in yeast and the codon usage in the second position of the mRNA is compared, there is no obvious significant difference in preference. This indicates that in yeast, in contrast to *Escherichia coli*, the codon choice at the beginning of the mRNA does not deviate from the one further downstream and is determined by the requirements for optimal translation elongation. Important determinants of the optimal context for an initiation codon in yeast therefore must be located mainly 5' from this codon.  
 CT beta-Galactosidase: BI, biosynthesis  
 Amino Acid Sequence  
 Base Sequence  
 Binding Sites  
 \*Codon: GE, genetics  
 Consensus Sequence  
 Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
 \*Gene Expression Regulation, Fungal  
 Immunoelectrophoresis  
 \*Lac Operon  
 Molecular Sequence Data  
 Nucleic Acid Conformation  
 Plasmids  
 Recombinant Fusion Proteins: BI, biosynthesis  
 Ribosomes: ME, metabolism  
 RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
 Saccharomyces cerevisiae: GE, genetics  
 Transformation, Genetic  
 \*Translation, Genetic  
 CN EC 3.2.1.23 (beta-Galactosidase); 0 (Codon); 0 (Plasmids); 0 (Recombinant Fusion Proteins); 0 (RNA, Messenger)  
 GEN lacZ

L134 ANSWER 61 OF 126 MEDLINE  
 AN 91203897 MEDLINE  
 DN 91203897  
 TI Nonsense codons within the Rous sarcoma virus gag gene decrease the stability of unspliced viral RNA.  
 AU Barker G F; Beemon K  
 CS Department of Biology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland 21218.  
 NC CA-48746 (NCI)  
 5T32GM07231 (NIGMS)  
 SO MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY, (1991 May) 11 (5) 2760-8.  
 Journal code: NGY. ISSN: 0270-7306.  
 CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals  
 EM 199107  
 AB The intracellular accumulation of the unspliced **RNA** of Rous sarcoma virus was decreased when translation was prematurely terminated by the introduction of nonsense codons within its 5' proximal gene, the gag gene. In contrast, the levels of spliced viral **RNAs** were not affected in our transient expression assays in chicken cells. Experiments using the transcription inhibitor dactinomycin showed that mutant unspliced **RNAs** were degraded more rapidly than wild-type **RNA**. Furthermore, mutant **RNAs** could be partially **stabilized** by coexpression of wild-type gag proteins in trans; however, intact gag proteins were not required to maintain the **stability** of **RNAs** which did not contain premature termination codons. Thus, termination codons seemed to destabilize the **RNA** not because of their effect on gag protein function but instead because they disrupted the process of translating the gag region of the **RNA**. Analysis of double-mutant constructs containing both deletions and termination codons within the gag gene also suggested that the **stability** of the unspliced **RNA** was affected by a cis-acting interaction between the **RNA** and ribosomes.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
 Cells, Cultured  
 Chick Embryo  
 Chromosome Deletion  
 Cloning, Molecular  
 \*Codon: GE, genetics  
 Fibroblasts  
 \*Genes, gag  
 Mutagenesis, Insertional  
 Plasmids  
 Restriction Mapping  
 RNA Splicing  
 \*RNA, Viral: GE, genetics  
 RNA, Viral: ME, metabolism  
 \*Sarcoma Viruses, Avian: GE, genetics  
 Transcription, Genetic  
 Transfection  
 Translation, Genetic

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Plasmids); 0 (RNA, Viral)  
 GEN gag

L134 ANSWER 62 OF 126 MEDLINE  
 AN 91200668 MEDLINE  
 DN 91200668  
 TI Effects of second-codon mutations on expression of the insulin-like growth factor-II-encoding gene in Escherichia coli.  
 AU Cantrell A S; Burgett S G; Cook J A; Smith M C; Hsiung H M  
 CS Department of Molecular Biology, Lilly Research Laboratories, Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, IN 46285..  
 SO GENE, (1991 Feb 15) 98 (2) 217-23.  
 Journal code: FOP. ISSN: 0378-1119.  
 CY Netherlands  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals  
 EM 199107  
 AB Expression plasmids encoding random sequence mutant proteins of insulin-like growth factor II (IGFII) were constructed by cassette mutagenesis, to improve the efficiency of IGFII synthesis in Escherichia coli. A pool of oligodeoxyribonucleotide linkers containing random trinucleotide sequences were used to introduce second-codon substitutions into the gene encoding Met-Xaa-Trp-IGFII in expression vectors. E. coli RV308 cells transformed with these vectors synthesized IGFII at levels varying from 0-22% of total cell protein. This variable synthesis is a

function of the random second-codon sequence and its corresponding amino acid, Xaa. Our data showed that **mRNA stability**, protein **stability** and translational efficiency all contributed to variable expression levels of Met-Xaa-Trp-IGFII in E. coli. Furthermore, an efficiently synthesized IGFII mutant protein, Met-His-Trp-IGFII, was converted to natural sequence IGFII by a simple oxidative cleavage reaction.

CT Check Tags: Human  
 Amino Acid Sequence  
 Base Sequence  
 \*Codon: **GE, genetics**  
 \*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
 Gene Expression  
 Genetic Vectors  
 Insulin-Like Growth Factor II: BI, biosynthesis  
 \*Insulin-Like Growth Factor II: GE, genetics  
 Molecular Sequence Data  
 \*Mutagenesis, Insertional  
 Protein Processing, Post-Translational  
 Recombinant Proteins: BI, biosynthesis  
**RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics**  
 Transcription, Genetic  
 Translation, Genetic  
 RN 67763-97-7 (Insulin-Like Growth Factor II)  
 CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Recombinant Proteins); 0 (**RNA, Messenger**)

L134 ANSWER 63 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 91002660 MEDLINE

DN 91002660

TI Frameshifting at the internal stop codon within the **mRNA** for bacterial release factor-2 on eukaryotic ribosomes.

AU Donly C; Williams J; Richardson C; Tate W

CS Department of Biochemistry, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.

SO BIOCHIMICA ET BIOPHYSICA ACTA, (1990 Aug 27) 1050 (1-3) 283-7.

Journal code: AOW. ISSN: 0006-3002.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199101

AB A translational frameshift is necessary in the synthesis of Escherichia coli release factor 2 (RF-2) to bypass an in-frame termination codon within the coding sequence. High-efficiency frameshifting around this codon can occur on eukaryotic ribosomes as well as prokaryotic ribosomes. This was determined from the relative efficiency of translation of RF-2 **RNA** compared with that for the other release factor RF-1, which lacks the in-frame premature stop codon. Since the termination product is unstable an absolute measure of the efficiency of frameshifting has not been possible. A gene fusion between trpE and RF-2 was carried out to give a **stable** termination product as well as the frameshift product, thereby allowing a direct determination of frameshifting efficiency. The extension of RF-2 **RNA** near its start codon with a fragment of the trpE gene, while still allowing high efficiency frameshifting on prokaryotic ribosomes, surprisingly gives a different estimate of frameshifting on the eukaryotic ribosomes than that obtained with RF-2 **RNA** alone. This paradox may be explained by long distance context effects on translation rates in the frameshift region created by the trpE sequences in the gene fusion, and may reflect that pausing and translation rate are fundamental factors in determining the efficiency of frameshifting.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
 Base Sequence  
 Cloning, Molecular  
 \*Codon  
 Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
 \*Escherichia coli: ME, metabolism

\*Frameshift Mutation  
 Kinetics  
 Molecular Sequence Data  
 Oligonucleotide Probes  
 Peptide Termination Factors: BI, biosynthesis  
 \*Peptide Termination Factors: GE, genetics  
 Recombinant Fusion Proteins: BI, biosynthesis  
 \*Ribosomes: ME, metabolism  
 \*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
 \*Translation, Genetic

CN 0 (peptide chain termination release factor 2); 0 (Codon); 0 (Oligonucleotide Probes); 0 (Peptide Termination Factors); 0 (Recombinant Fusion Proteins); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 64 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 90221871 MEDLINE

DN 90221871

TI Suppression of the negative effect of minor arginine codons on gene expression; preferential usage of minor codons within the first 25 codons of the Escherichia coli genes.

AU Chen G F; Inouye M

CS Department of Biochemistry, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School-UMDNJ, Rutgers, Piscataway 08854..

NC GM 19043 (NIGMS)

SO NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, (1990 Mar 25) 18 (6) 1465-73.

Journal code: 08L. ISSN: 0305-1048.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199007

AB AGA and AGG codons for arginine are the least used codons in Escherichia coli, which are encoded by a rare tRNA, the product of the dnaY gene. We examined the positions of arginine residues encoded by AGA/AGG codons in 678 E. coli proteins. It was found that AGA/AGG codons appear much more frequently within the first 25 codons. This tendency becomes more significant in those proteins containing only one AGA or AGG codon. Other minor codons such as CUA, UCA, AGU, ACA, GGA, CCC and AUA are also found to be preferentially used within the first 25 codons. The effects of the AGG codon on gene expression were examined by inserting one to five AGG codons after the 10th codon from the initiation codon of the lacZ gene. The production of beta-galactosidase decreased as more AGG codons were inserted. With five AGG codons, the production of beta-galactosidase (Gal-AGG5) completely ceased after a mid-log phase of cell growth. After 22 hr induction of the lacZ gene, the overall production of Gal-AGG5 was 11% of the control production (no insertion of arginine codons). When five CGU codons, the major arginine codon were inserted instead of AGG, the production of beta-galactosidase (Gal-CGU5) continued even after stationary phase and the overall production was 66% of the control. The negative effect of the AGG codons on the Gal-AGG5 production was found to be dependent upon the distance between the site of the AGG codons and the initiation codon. As the distance was increased by inserting extra sequences between the two codons, the production of Gal-AGG5 increased almost linearly up to 8 fold. From these results, we propose that the position of the minor codons in an mRNA plays an important role in the regulation of gene expression possibly by modulating the **stability** of the initiation complex for protein synthesis.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

\*beta-Galactosidase: GE, genetics

Amino Acid Sequence

\*Arginine

Base Sequence

\*Codon: GE, genetics

Escherichia coli: EN, enzymology

\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

\*Galactosidases: GE, genetics

\*Gene Expression  
\*Genes, Bacterial  
Molecular Sequence Data  
Oligonucleotide Probes  
Plasmids  
Restriction Mapping  
\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
\*Suppression, Genetic  
RN 7004-12-8 (Arginine)  
CN EC 3.2.1.- (Galactosidases); EC 3.2.1.23 (beta-Galactosidase); 0 (Codon);  
0 (Oligonucleotide Probes); 0 (Plasmids); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 65 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 90211260 MEDLINE

DN 90211260

TI Codon usage pattern in alpha 2(I) chain domain of chicken type I collagen  
and its implications for the secondary structure of the mRNA and  
the synthesis pauses of the collagen.

AU Zama M

CS Biology Division, National Institute of Radiological Sciences, Chiba-shi,  
Japan..

SO BIOCHEMICAL AND BIOPHYSICAL RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS, (1990 Mar 16)  
167 (2) 772-6.

Journal code: 9Y8. ISSN: 0006-291X.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199007

AB A **stability** map of local secondary structure of the mRNA  
of the triple-helical alpha 2(I) chain domain of chicken type I collagen  
was obtained by plotting the free energy of the **optimal**  
secondary structure of a local segment in mRNA against the  
segment position along a base sequence of the mRNA. It was found  
that the positions of the minima of free energy in the plot coincide with  
the positions where synthesis pauses of the alpha-chain polypeptides of  
the corresponding sizes translated from the mRNA have been  
reported to occur (1). The codon usage pattern of each of the three major  
amino acids of the alpha-chain domain of the collagen, Gly, Pro and Ala,  
fluctuates considerably along the base sequence segments of the  
mRNA and a deviation of the pattern from that of the average of  
the whole alpha 2(I) chain domain mRNA, particularly for Gly  
codons, leads to a loss of the **stability** of the local secondary  
structure of the mRNA. The results suggest that selection has  
operated on the codon usage to **optimize** the secondary structure  
characteristic of the mRNA of the chicken collagen alpha 2(I)  
chain domain which leads to a nonuniform polypeptide elongation pattern.

CT Check Tags: Animal

Chickens

\*Codon: GE, genetics

Collagen: BI, biosynthesis

\*Collagen: GE, genetics

\*Genes, Structural

Macromolecular Systems

\*Nucleic Acid Conformation

\*Procollagen: GE, genetics

\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

RN 9007-34-5 (Collagen)

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Macromolecular Systems); 0 (Procollagen); 0 (RNA,  
Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 66 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 90189181 MEDLINE

DN 90189181

TI Doublet preference and gene evolution.

AU Hanai R; Wada A

CS Department of Physics, Faculty of Science, University of Tokyo, Japan..  
SO JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR EVOLUTION, (1990 Feb) 30 (2) 109-15.  
Journal code: J76. ISSN: 0022-2844.  
CY United States  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals  
EM 199006  
AB Doublet preference analysis was carried out on coding and noncoding regions of *Escherichia coli*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, and human mitochondrial and nuclear DNA. The preference pattern in 1-2 and 2-3 doublets in *E. coli* and *S. cerevisiae* correlated with that in noncoding regions. The 3-1 doublet preference in *E. coli* genes with low **optimal** codon frequency and in *S. cerevisiae* genes also showed a correlation with each of their noncoding doublet preference. A mechanism to explain these double preference correlations in doublet preference is presented: mutational biases, the origin of the noncoding region doublet preference, evolved so as to maintain the 1-2 and 2-3 doublet preference, which is determined by codon usage. These biases then acted on the 3-1 doublet, which was almost free of coding constraints, resulting in a similar preference in this doublet.

CT Check Tags: Comparative Study; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Base Composition  
\*Codon: GE, genetics  
DNA, Bacterial: GE, genetics  
DNA, Fungal: GE, genetics  
DNA, Mitochondrial: GE, genetics  
Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
\*Evolution  
\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
Saccharomyces cerevisiae: GE, genetics  
Species Specificity

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Bacterial); 0 (DNA, Fungal); 0 (DNA, Mitochondrial); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 67 OF 126 MEDLINE  
AN 90136256 MEDLINE  
DN 90136256  
TI Codon evolution and conservation of the reading phase in genetic code translation.

AU Toha J C; Donoso R; Estay M; Diaz-Valdes J  
CS Departamento De Fisica Facultad de Ciencias Fisicas y Matematicas Universidad de Chile, Santiago..  
SO MEDICAL HYPOTHESES, (1989 Dec) 30 (4) 265-9.  
Journal code: MOM. ISSN: 0306-9877.  
CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals  
EM 199005  
AB The description of the **optimized** evolution of a code based on 4 nucleotides involves a sequential transition of codons, formed firstly by monomers evolving to dimers and then to triplets, in accordance with the progressive increase of the number of amino acids to be coded. The successive increase in the size of these codons during evolution implies changes in the phase reading of the genetic message, which could become chaotic. In order to overcome this constraint, this paper proposes a codon evolution where two things occur simultaneously: codons change in size and there is an alternation of the molecule which holds the information. For example, the nucleotides of the original oligonucleotide are read as monomers when they are translated to an oligopeptide, but further on, this oligopeptide which is read as amino acid dimers, is translated to a nucleotide form (oligonucleotide). Finally, amino acids conforming a peptide are translated from this oligonucleotide, through a reading of triplets. Although plausible, this evolution is a low-probability process due to the fact that it requires a singular sequence of the

oligonucleotide and oligopeptide involved. An alternative hypothesis of evolution is also discussed. It proposes that with the exclusion of the establishment of monomer and dimer codons, there is a direct generation of a code of trinucleotides which arises only when a certain number of amino acids has already been generated. Both hypotheses are discussed in terms of the development of a code in which an **optimized** hardware is maintained through out its evolution.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Amino Acids: GE, genetics

**\*Codon: GE, genetics**

**\*Evolution**

**\*Genetic Code**

Models, Genetic

Oligodeoxyribonucleotides: GE, genetics.

**\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics**

Translation, Genetic

CN 0 (Amino Acids); 0 (Codon); 0 (Oligodeoxyribonucleotides); 0 (RNA, Messenger).

L134 ANSWER 68 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 90121889 MEDLINE

DN 90121889

TI Contextual constraints on codon pair usage: structural and biological implications.

AU Kolaskar A S; Reddy B V

CS Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, India..

SO JOURNAL OF BIOMOLECULAR STRUCTURE AND DYNAMICS, (1986 Feb) 3 (4) 725-38.

Journal code: AH2. ISSN: 0739-1102.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199005

AB Complementary DNA sequence data of 278 protein coding genes from prokaryotic systems have been analysed at the level of near neighbour codon pairs. Our analysis points out that constraints exist even at the level of near neighbour codon pairs. These constraints are in addition to those which arise due to relative levels of tRNA. Codon pairs, which in the data base have different occurrence values from their expected values, neither have common secondary structure nor do have better **stabilization** due to high base stacking. Our study points out that there are strong interaction between constituent codons in these codon pairs. These strongly interacting codon pairs, we suggest, are involved in the formation of three dimensional structural elements of cDNA/**mRNA** and interact with ribosome and thus modulate translation.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Base Sequence

**\*Codon: GE, genetics**

DNA: GE, genetics

Molecular Structure

**\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics**

Thermodynamics

RN 9007-49-2 (DNA)

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 69 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 90110051 MEDLINE

DN 90110051

TI Human thymidylate synthase gene: isolation of phage clones which cover a functionally active gene and structural analysis of the region upstream from the translation initiation codon.

AU Takeishi K; Kaneda S; Ayusawa D; Shimizu K; Gotoh O; Seno T

CS Department of Immunology and Virology, Saitama Cancer Center Research Institute.

SO JOURNAL OF BIOCHEMISTRY, (1989 Oct) 106 (4) 575-83.

Journal code: HIF. ISSN: 0021-924X.

CY Japan  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals  
 EM 199004

AB Two genomic DNA fragments partially encoding human thymidylate synthase (TS) [EC 2.1.1.45] were previously cloned in lambda phage from the mouse cell transformant, but had no transforming activity on mouse TS-negative mutant cells. In this study, an additional genomic DNA for human TS was cloned and demonstrated to have the transforming activity in combination with one of the two previously cloned DNAs and to produce human TS **mRNA**. The two transforming genomic DNAs overlapped and covered a region of 23 kb in total. Using fragments from one of these DNAs, the structure of the 1.2-kb region around the ATG initiator codon of the TS gene was analyzed in relation to regulatory sequences of the gene. Sequence determination demonstrated the presence of an unusual inverted repeat consisting of a triple tandem repeat of a 28-bp sequence and an inverted sequence of the same length. These sequences can form three possible, **stable**, stem-loop structures, which may be interconvertible. Based on S1 nuclease mapping data and a line of circumstantial evidence, we deduced two major **mRNA** cap sites within the inverted sequence. Comparison of the human and mouse sequences upstream from the ATG initiator codon revealed many significant blocks of sequence homology, especially in the regions around the deduced cap sites.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

\*Bacteriophage lambda: EN, enzymology

Base Sequence  
 Blotting, Northern  
 Cloning, Molecular

**\*Codon**

DNA, Viral: AN, analysis  
 DNA, Viral: GE, genetics

**\*Genes, Viral**

Mice  
 Molecular Sequence Data  
 Peptide Chain Initiation

**\*RNA, Messenger**

RNA, Viral: AN, analysis  
 RNA, Viral: GE, genetics

\*Thymidylate Synthase: GE, genetics  
 Transformation, Genetic  
 Translation, Genetic

CN EC 2.1.1.45 (Thymidylate Synthase); 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Viral); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Viral)

L134 ANSWER 70 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 90101372 MEDLINE

DN 90101372

TI Changing the start codon context of the 30K gene of tobacco mosaic virus from "weak" to "strong" does not increase expression.

AU Lehto K; Dawson W O

CS Department of Plant Pathology, University of California, Riverside 92521..

SO VIROLOGY, (1990 Jan) 174 (1) 169-76.

Journal code: XEA. ISSN: 0042-6822.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199004

AB The translation initiation region of the 30K gene of tobacco mosaic virus (TMV) was modified by in vitro mutagenesis to create more **optimal** start codon contexts. A complicating factor was that modifications in this region also altered the 3' terminus of the 183K ORF that overlaps the 30K ORF. An insertion of GACUCGA between nucleotides 4901 and 4902 resulted in a purine (G) in position -3 relative to the AUG creating a "stronger"



start codon context, but this also changed the last four amino acids of the 183K protein. This mutant was infectious, replicated efficiently, but produced reduced amounts of 30K protein. Despite the reduced amount of movement protein, this mutant spread effectively from cell to cell and had a phenotype indistinguishable from that of wild-type virus. A more conservative mutation inserted GAC between TMV nucleotides 4901 and 4902 resulting in a "strong" start codon context (ACGAUGG) and modification of the 183K protein only by insertion of an aspartic acid adjacent to a native aspartic acid. This modification did not enhance the production of 30K protein. These data demonstrate consensus sequences that are **optimal** for other eukaryotic systems did not cause increased expression of the 30K gene in vivo. The modified sequences of both mutants were **stably** maintained during relatively long periods of replication. Even though each mutant replicated efficiently, when mixed with wild-type TMV, neither mutant effectively competed with the wild-type virus. Another mutant which removed the native 30K AUG to determine whether subsequent internal start codons with "stronger" contexts would function in its absence was constructed. However, this mutant and a mutant that fused the 183K reading frame to the 30K reading frame did not replicate and move in intact plants.

CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.

Base Sequence

Blotting, Western

\*Codon: GE, genetics

\*Gene Expression Regulation, Viral

Molecular Sequence Data

Mutation

\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

\*RNA, Viral: GE, genetics

\*Tobacco Mosaic Virus: GE, genetics

Tobacco Mosaic Virus: PH, physiology

Transcription, Genetic

Translation, Genetic

Virus Replication

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Viral)

L134 ANSWER 71 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 90098861 MEDLINE

DN 90098861

TI Expression of tetanus toxin fragment C in E. coli: high level expression by removing rare codons.

AU Makoff A J; Oxer M D; Romanos M A; Fairweather N F; Ballantine S

CS Department of Molecular Biology, Wellcome Biotech, Beckenham, Kent, UK.

SO NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, (1989 Dec 25) 17 (24) 10191-202.

Journal code: O8L. ISSN: 0305-1048.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199004

AB Tetanus toxin fragment C had been previously expressed in Escherichia coli at 3-4% cell protein. The codon bias for tetanus toxin in Clostridium tetani is very different from that of highly expressed homologous genes in E. coli, resulting in the presence of many rare E. coli codons in the sequence encoding fragment C. We have replaced the coding sequence by sequence **optimized** for codon usage in E. coli, and show that the expression of fragment C is increased. Although the level of **mRNA** also increased this appeared to be a secondary consequence of more efficient translation. Complete sequence replacement increased expression to approximately 11-14% cell protein but only after the promoter strength had been improved.

CT Amino Acid Sequence

Base Sequence

Cloning, Molecular

\*Codon

\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

**\*Gene Expression**

Molecular Sequence Data  
Nucleic Acid Hybridization

**\*Peptide Fragments: GE, genetics**

Plasmids  
Promoter Regions (Genetics)

**\*RNA, Messenger**

**RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics**

**\*Tetanus Toxin: GE, genetics**  
Transcription, Genetic

CN 0 (tetanus toxin fragment C); 0 (Codon); 0 (Peptide Fragments); 0  
(Plasmids); 0 (**RNA, Messenger**); 0 (Tetanus Toxin)

L134 ANSWER 72 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 90066342 MEDLINE

DN 90066342

TI Context specific misreading of phenylalanine codons.

AU Precup J; Ulrich A K; Roopnarine O; Parker J

CS Department of Microbiology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale  
62901.

NC GM25855 (NIGMS)

SO MOLECULAR AND GENERAL GENETICS, (1989 Sep) 218 (3) 397-401.

Journal code: NGP. ISSN: 0026-8925.

CY GERMANY, WEST: Germany, Federal Republic of

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199003

AB It has previously been shown that the phenylalanine codon UUC encoding residue 8 of the Escherichia coli argI gene product, ornithine transcarbamylase, is misread as leucine at a high frequency during phenylalanine starvation. However, no misreading of the UUU encoding residue 3 was observed under these conditions. Using oligonucleotide-directed, site-specific mutagenesis, we have constructed mutants where these codons have been changed. Using these mutant argI genes we see a high level of mistranslation at position 8 during phenylalanine starvation whether the codon is UUU or UUC. With either codon at position 3 we see no leucine substitution. We also constructed a gene with a leucine codon at position 3. The product of this latter mutated gene is **stable** and active, indicating that preferential turnover of mistranslated protein is not obscuring an otherwise high rate of misreading. This would seem to indicate that it is the context rather than the particular phenylalanine codon which is important in determining these misreading levels.

CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

Amino Acid Sequence

Base Sequence

**\*Codon****\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics**

Molecular Sequence Data

Ornithine Carbamoyltransferase: GE, genetics

**\*Phenylalanine: GE, genetics**

Plasmids

Restriction Mapping

**\*RNA, Messenger**

Translation, Genetic

RN 3617-44-5 (Phenylalanine)

CN EC 2.1.3.3 (Ornithine Carbamoyltransferase); 0 (Codon); 0 (Plasmids); 0 (**RNA, Messenger**)

L134 ANSWER 73 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 90037070 MEDLINE

DN 90037070

TI Single base mutation in the type III procollagen gene that converts the codon for glycine 883 to aspartate in a mild variant of Ehlers-Danlos syndrome IV.

AU Tromp G; Kuivaniemi H; Stolle C; Pope F M; Prockop D J

CS Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Jefferson Institute of Molecular Medicine, Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

NC AR-38188 (NIAMS)

SO JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, (1989 Nov 15) 264 (32) 19313-7.  
Journal code: HIV. ISSN: 0021-9258.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199002

AB Experiments were carried out to test the hypothesis that a 19-year-old proband with a mild variant of Ehlers-Danlos syndrome type IV had a mutation in the gene for type III procollagen. cDNA and genomic DNA were analyzed by using the polymerase chain reaction and cloning of the products into M13 filamentous phage. A mutation was found that converted the codon for glycine 883 of the triple-helical domain in one allele for type III procollagen to a codon for aspartate. The polymerase chain reaction introduced a few artifactual single base substitutions. Also, it was difficult to distinguish copies from the two alleles in many of the M13 clones. Therefore, several different strategies and analyses of about 50,000 nucleotide sequences in a series of clones were used to demonstrate that the mutation in the codon for glycine 883 was the only mutation in coding sequences for the triple-helical domain of type III procollagen that could have contributed to the phenotype. The same mutation in the codon for glycine 883 in one allele for type III procollagen was found in the proband's 52-year-old father who also had a mild variant of Ehlers-Danlos syndrome type IV. The type III procollagen synthesized by the proband's fibroblasts was analyzed by polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. Less type III procollagen was secreted by the proband's fibroblasts than by control fibroblasts. Also, the thermal **stability** of the type III procollagen synthesized by the proband's fibroblasts was lower than the thermal **stability** of normal type III procollagen as assayed by brief protease digestion. The results, therefore, demonstrated that the single base mutation that converted the codon of glycine 883 to a codon for aspartate destabilized the entire triple helix of type III procollagen and probably accounted for the mild phenotype of Ehlers-Danlos syndrome type IV seen in the proband and her father.

CT Check Tags: Case Report; Female; Human; Male; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
Adult  
\*Aspartic Acid  
Base Sequence  
\*Codon: GE, genetics  
DNA: GE, genetics  
DNA-Directed DNA Polymerase  
\*Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome: GE, genetics  
Fibroblasts: ME, metabolism  
\*Genes, Structural  
\*Glycine  
Middle Age  
Molecular Sequence Data  
\*Mutation  
Polymerase Chain Reaction  
\*Procollagen: GE, genetics  
Restriction Mapping  
\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
Skin: ME, metabolism  
Templates  
\*Variation (Genetics)

RN 56-40-6 (Glycine); 56-84-8 (Aspartic Acid); 9007-49-2 (DNA)

CN EC 2.7.7.7 (DNA-Directed DNA Polymerase); 0 (Codon); 0 (Procollagen); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

AN 90013326 MEDLINE  
 DN 90013326  
 TI Genetic code development by stop codon takeover.  
 AU Lehman N; Jukes T H  
 CS Space Sciences Laboratory, University of California, Berkeley, Oakland 94608..  
 SO JOURNAL OF THEORETICAL BIOLOGY, (1988 Nov 21) 135 (2) 203-14.  
 Journal code: K8N. ISSN: 0022-5193.  
 CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals  
 EM 199001  
 AB A novel theoretical consideration of the origin and evolution of the genetic code is presented. Code development is viewed from the perspective of simultaneously evolving codons, anticodons and amino acids. Early code structure was determined primarily by thermodynamic **stability** considerations, requiring simplicity in primordial codes. More advanced coding stages could arise as biological systems became more complex and precise in their replication. To be consistent with these ideas, a model is described in which codons become permanently associated with amino acids only when a codon-anticodon pairing is strong enough to permit rapid translation. Hence all codons are essentially chain-termination or "stop" codons until tRNA adaptors evolve having the ability to bind tightly to them. This view, which draws support from several lines of evidence, differs from the prevalent thinking on code evolution which holds that codons specifying newer amino acids were derived from codons encoding older amino acids.

CT Check Tags: Human  
 Amino Acids: GE, genetics  
 \*Codon  
 DNA: GE, genetics  
 \*Evolution  
 \*Genetic Code  
 \*Models, Genetic  
 RNA: GE, genetics  
 \*RNA, Messenger

RN 63231-63-0 (RNA); 9007-49-2 (DNA)  
 CN 0 (Amino Acids); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 75 OF 126 MEDLINE  
 AN 89364726 MEDLINE  
 DN 89364726  
 TI Aminoglycoside suppression at UAG, UAA and UGA codons in Escherichia coli and human tissue culture cells.  
 AU Martin R; Mogg A E; Heywood L A; Nitschke L; Burke J F  
 CS Biochemistry Laboratory, University of Sussex, Falmer, UK.  
 SO MOLECULAR AND GENERAL GENETICS, (1989 Jun) 217 (2-3) 411-8.  
 Journal code: NGP. ISSN: 0026-8925.  
 CY GERMANY, WEST: Germany, Federal Republic of  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals  
 EM 198912  
 AB We have compared the suppression of nonsense mutations by aminoglycoside antibiotics in Escherichia coli and in human 293 cells. Six nonsense alleles of the chloramphenicol acetyl transferase (cat) gene, in the vector pRSVcat, were suppressed by growth in G418 and paromomycin. Readthrough at UAG, UAA and UGA codons was monitored with enzyme assays for chloramphenicol acetyl transferase (CAT), in **stably** transformed bacteria and during transient expression from the same plasmid in human 293 tissue culture cells. We have found significant differences in the degree of suppression amongst three UAG codons and two UAA codons in different **mRNA** contexts. However, the pattern of these effects are not the same in the two organisms. Our data suggest that context effects of nonsense suppression may operate under different rules

in E. coli and human cells.

CT Check Tags: Comparative Study; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Alleles

Amino Acid Sequence

\*Aminoglycosides: PD, pharmacology

Base Sequence

Cell Line, Transformed

Chloramphenicol O-Acetyltransferase: GE, genetics

Codon: DE, drug effects

\*Codon: GE, genetics

Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

Molecular Sequence Data

Mutation

RNA, Bacterial: DE, drug effects

RNA, Bacterial: GE, genetics

\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

\*Suppression, Genetic: DE, drug effects

CN EC 2.3.1.28 (Chloramphenicol O-Acetyltransferase); 0 (Aminoglycosides); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Bacterial); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 76 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 89345068 MEDLINE

DN 89345068

TI Codon usage and gene expression level in Dictyostelium discoideum: highly expressed genes do 'prefer' optimal codons.

AU Sharp P M; Devine K M

CS Department of Genetics, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland..

SO NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, (1989 Jul 11) 17 (13) 5029-39.

Journal code: O8L. ISSN: 0305-1048.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 198911

AB Codon usage patterns in the slime mould Dictyostelium discoideum have been re-examined (a total of 58 genes have been analysed). Considering the extreme A + T-richness of this genome (G + C = 22%), there is a surprising degree of codon usage variation among genes. For example, G + C content at silent sites varies from less than 10% to greater than 30%. It was previously suggested [Warrick, H.M. and Spudich, J.A. (1988) Nucleic Acids Res. 16: 6617-6635] that highly expressed genes contain fewer 'optimal' codons than genes expressed at lower levels. However, it appears that the optimal codons were misidentified. Multivariate statistical analysis shows that the greatest variation among genes is in relative usage of a particular subset of codons (about one per amino acid), many of which are C-ending. We have identified these as optimal codons, since (i) their frequency is positively correlated with gene expression level, and (ii) there is a strong mutation bias in this genome towards A and T nucleotides. Thus, codon usage in D. discoideum can be explained by a balance between the forces of mutational bias and translational selection.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

\*Codon: GE, genetics

\*Dictyostelium: GE, genetics

\*Genes, Fungal

Genes, Structural

Information Systems

\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

\*Transcription, Genetic

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 77 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 89342454 MEDLINE

DN 89342454

TI Novel third-letter bias in Escherichia coli codons revealed by rigorous treatment of coding constraints.

AU Hanai R; Wada A  
CS Department of Physics, Faculty of Science, University of Tokyo, Japan..  
SO JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, (1989 Jun 20) 207 (4) 655-60.  
Journal code: J6V. ISSN: 0022-2836.  
CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 198911  
AB A novel bias in codon third-letter usage was found in Escherichia coli genes with low fractions of "optimal codons", by comparing intact sequences with control random sequences. Third-letter usage has been found to be biased according to preference in codon usage and to doublet preference from the following first letter. The present study examines third-letter usage in the context of the nucleotide sequence when these preferences are considered. In order to exclude any influence by these factors, the random sequences were generated such that the amino acid sequence, codon usage, and the doublet frequency in each gene were all preserved. Comparison of intact sequences with these randomly generated sequences reveals that third letters of codons show a strong preference for the purine/pyrimidine pattern of the next codons: purine (R) is preferred to pyrimidine (Y) at the third site when followed by an R-Y-R codon, and pyrimidine is preferred when followed by an R-R-Y, an R-Y-Y or a Y-R-Y codon. This bias is probably related to interactions of tRNA molecules in the ribosome.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Amino Acids: GE, genetics  
Base Sequence  
\*Codon  
\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
Methods  
Purine Nucleotides  
Pyrimidine Nucleotides  
RNA, Bacterial: GE, genetics  
\*RNA, Messenger

CN 0 (Amino Acids); 0 (Codon); 0 (Purine Nucleotides); 0 (Pyrimidine Nucleotides); 0 (RNA, Bacterial); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 78 OF 126 MEDLINE  
AN 89329029 MEDLINE  
DN 89329029  
TI Codon usage determines translation rate in Escherichia coli.  
AU Sorensen M A; Kurland C G; Pedersen S  
CS Institute of Microbiology, University of Copenhagen, Denmark..  
SO JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, (1989 May 20) 207 (2) 365-77.  
Journal code: J6V. ISSN: 0022-2836.  
CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 198911  
AB We wish to determine whether differences in translation rate are correlated with differences in codon usage or with differences in mRNA secondary structure. We therefore inserted a small DNA fragment in the lacZ gene either directly or flanked by a few frame-shifting bases, leaving the reading frame of the lacZ gene unchanged. The fragment was chosen to have "infrequent" codons in one reading frame and "common" codons in the other. The insert in these constructs does not seem to give mRNAs that are able to form extensive secondary structures. The translation time for these modified lacZ mRNAs was measured with a reproducibility better than plus or minus one second. We found that the mRNA with infrequent codons inserted has an approximately three-seconds longer translation time than the one with common codons. In another set of experiments we constructed two almost identical lacZ genes in which the lacZ mRNAs have the potential to generate stem structures with

**stabilities** of about -75 kcal/mol. In this way we could investigate the influence of **mRNA** structure on translation rate. This type of modified gene was generated in two reading frames with either common or infrequent codons similar to our first experiments. We find that the yield of protein from these **mRNAs** is reduced, probably due to the action in vivo of an RNase. Nevertheless, the data do not indicate that there is any effect of **mRNA** secondary structure on translation rate. In contrast, our data persuade us that there is a difference in translation rate between infrequent codons and common codons that is of the order of sixfold.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Bacterial Proteins: AN, analysis  
Base Sequence

**\*Codon**

\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
Lac Operon  
Molecular Sequence Data  
Nucleic Acid Conformation

**RNA, Bacterial: GE, genetics**

**\*RNA, Messenger**

**RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics**  
Time Factors

**\*Translation, Genetic**

CN 0 (Bacterial Proteins); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Bacterial); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 79 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 89289712 MEDLINE

DN 89289712

TI Effect of spermine on the efficiency and fidelity of the codon-specific binding of tRNA to the ribosomes.

AU Naranda T; Kucan Z

CS Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb, Jugoslaviya..

SO EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF BIOCHEMISTRY, (1989 Jun 15) 182 (2) 291-7.

Journal code: EMZ. ISSN: 0014-2956.

CY GERMANY, WEST: Germany, Federal Republic of

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 198910

AB Binding of the yeast Tyr-tRNA and Phe-tRNA to the A site, and the binding of their acetyl derivatives to the P site of poly(U11,A)-programmed Escherichia coli ribosomes was studied. Spermine stimulated the rate of binding of both tRNAs at least threefold, enabling more than 90% final saturation of both ribosomal binding sites. The effect is observed when the tRNAs, but not ribosomes or poly(U11,A), are preincubated with polyamine. Regardless of the binding site, **optimal** saturation was reached at spermine/tRNA molar ratios of 3 for tRNA(Phe) and 5 for tRNA(Tyr). The same low spermine/tRNA ratios were previously reported to **stabilize** the conformation of these tRNAs in solution. On the other hand, the messenger-free, EF-Tu- and EF-G-dependent polymerization of lysine from E. coli Lys-tRNA is drastically reduced, while the poly(A)-directed polymerization is stimulated by spermine through a wide range of Mg<sup>2+</sup> concentrations. Misreading of UUU codons as isoleucine, assayed by the A-site binding of E. coli Ile-tRNA, is also inhibited by spermine. All these results demonstrate that spermine increases the efficiency and accuracy of a series of macromolecular interactions leading to the correct incorporation of an amino acid into protein, at the same time preventing some unspecific or erroneous interactions. From the analogy with its known structural effects, it can be inferred that spermine does so by conferring on the tRNA a specific biologically functional conformation.

CT Binding Sites

**\*Codon: ME, metabolism**

Escherichia coli: ME, metabolism

Poly U: ME, metabolism  
 \*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism  
 \*RNA, Ribosomal: ME, metabolism  
 \*RNA, Transfer: ME, metabolism  
 RNA, Transfer, Phe: ME, metabolism  
 RNA, Transfer, Tyr: ME, metabolism  
 \*Spermine: PD, pharmacology  
 Time Factors  
 Yeasts: ME, metabolism

RN 27416-86-0 (Poly U); 71-44-3 (Spermine); 9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)  
 CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Ribosomal); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Phe); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Tyr)

L134 ANSWER 80 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 89207718 MEDLINE

DN 89207718

TI On the information content of the genetic code.

AU Alvager T; Graham G; Hilleke R; Hutchison D; Westgard J

CS Physics Department, Indiana State University, Terre Haute 47809..

SO BIOSYSTEMS, (1989) 22 (3) 189-96. Ref: 13

Journal code: A6E. ISSN: 0303-2647.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

General Review; (REVIEW)

(REVIEW, TUTORIAL)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 198908

AB In living organisms 20 amino acids along with the terminator value(s) are encoded by 64 codons giving a degeneracy of the codons as described by the genetic code. A basic theoretical problem of genetic codes is to explain the particular distribution of degeneracies of partitions involved in the codes. In this work the degeneracy problem is considered in the framework of information theory. It is shown by direct numerical evaluation of a certain degeneracy information function associated with the genetic code that the degeneracy of the codes is observed to be related to the optimization of this function.

CT Amino Acids: GE, genetics

\*Codon: GE, genetics

Data Interpretation, Statistical

\*Genetic Code

Models, Genetic

\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

CN 0 (Amino Acids); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 81 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 89127179 MEDLINE

DN 89127179

TI [Two-codon mutagenesis of alpha-amylase gene of Bacillus amyloliquefaciens].

Dvukhkodonnai mutagenez gena alpha-amilazy Bacillus amyloliquefaciens.

AU Smirnova N A; Sorokin A V; Laptev D A; Veiko V P; Kozlov Iu I

SO MOLEKULIARNAIA BIOLOGIIA, (1988 Sep-Oct) 22 (5) 1265-71.

Journal code: NGX. ISSN: 0026-8984.

CY USSR

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA Russian

FS Priority Journals

EM 198905

AB The oligonucleotide encoding Bam HI recognition site having the structure pCGGGATC had been inserted into the recognition sites MspI of the B. amyloliquefaciens alpha-amylase gene, which was cloned in pTG29B plasmid. The alpha-amylase gene had no BamHI sites before mutagenesis. The set of pNSBamHI plasmids with BamHI site at four different positions was obtained. It was shown that all the mutant alpha-amylases possess different specific activities. One of the mutant proteins possesses



reduced thermostability. The mutant alpha-amylases can be used for further experiments on protein-engineering of liquefying-type alpha-amylases.

- CT \*alpha-Amylase: GE, genetics  
 Bacillus: EN, enzymology  
 \*Bacillus: GE, genetics  
 \*Codon  
 Deoxyribonucleases, Type II Site-Specific  
 English Abstract  
 Enzyme Stability  
 \*Genes, Bacterial  
 Heat  
 \*Mutation  
 Plasmids  
 Restriction Mapping  
 \*RNA, Messenger
- CN EC 3.1.21.- (Deoxyribonuclease HpaII); EC 3.1.21.4 (Deoxyribonucleases, Type II Site-Specific); EC 3.2.1.1 (alpha-Amylase); 0 (Codon); 0 (Plasmids); 0 (RNA, Messenger)
- L134 ANSWER 82 OF 126 MEDLINE
- AN 89098942 MEDLINE
- DN 89098942
- TI Presence of the hypermodified nucleotide N6-(delta 2-isopentenyl)-2-methylthioadenosine prevents codon misreading by Escherichia coli phenylalanyl-transfer RNA.
- AU Wilson R K; Roe B A
- CS Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Oklahoma, Norman 73019.
- NC GM30400 (NIGMS)
- SO PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, (1989 Jan) 86 (2) 409-13.  
 Journal code: PV3. ISSN: 0027-8424.
- CY United States
- DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)
- LA English
- FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals
- EM 198904
- AB The overall structure of transfer RNA is optimized for its various functions by a series of unique post-transcriptional nucleotide modifications. Since many of these modifications are conserved from prokaryotes through higher eukaryotes, it has been proposed that most modified nucleotides serve to optimize the ability of the tRNA to accurately interact with other components of the protein synthesizing machinery. When a cloned synthetic Escherichia coli tRNAPhe gene was transfected into a bacterial host that carried a defective phenylalanine tRNA-synthetase gene, tRNAPhe was overexpressed by 11-fold. As a result of this overexpression, an undermodified tRNAPhe species was produced that lacked only N6-(delta 2-isopentenyl)-2-methylthioadenosine (ms2i6A), a hypermodified nucleotide found immediately 3' to the anticodon of all major E. coli tRNAs that read UNN codons. To investigate the role of ms2i6A in E. coli tRNA, we compared the aminoacylation kinetics and in vitro codon-reading properties of the ms2i6A-lacking and normal fully modified tRNAPhe species. The results of these experiments indicate that while ms2i6A is not required for normal aminoacylation of tRNAPhe, its presence stabilizes codon-anticodon interaction and thereby prevents misreading of the genetic code.
- CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
 \*Adenosine: AA, analogs & derivatives  
 Amino Acid Sequence  
 Base Sequence  
 Chromatography, Thin Layer  
 Cloning, Molecular  
 \*Codon: GE, genetics  
 \*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
 Fractionation  
 Gene Expression Regulation

\*Isopentenyladenosine: AA, analogs & derivatives  
 Isopentenyladenosine: GE, genetics  
 Isopentenyladenosine: ME, metabolism  
 Kinetics  
 Molecular Sequence Data  
 Phenylalanine-tRNA Ligase: GE, genetics  
 \*RNA Processing, Post-Transcriptional  
 \*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
 \*RNA, Transfer, Amino Acid-Specific: ME, metabolism  
 RNA, Transfer, Phe: BI, biosynthesis  
 RNA, Transfer, Phe: GE, genetics  
 RNA, Transfer, Phe: IP, isolation & purification  
 \*RNA, Transfer, Phe: ME, metabolism  
 Transcription, Genetic  
 Translation, Genetic  
 RN 20859-00-1 (2-methylthio-N-6-isopentenyladenosine); 58-61-7 (Adenosine);  
 7724-76-7 (Isopentenyladenosine)  
 CN EC 6.1.1.20 (Phenylalanine-tRNA Ligase); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA,  
 Messenger); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Amino Acid-Specific); 0 (  
 RNA, Transfer, Phe)

L134 ANSWER 83 OF 126 MEDLINE  
 AN 89094868 MEDLINE  
 DN 89094868  
 TI Specific codon usage pattern and its implications on the secondary  
 structure of silk fibroin mRNA.  
 AU Mita K; Ichimura S; Zama M; James T C  
 CS Division of Chemistry, National Institute of Radiological Sciences, Chiba,  
 Japan.  
 NC R01 GM30273 (NIGMS)  
 SO JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, (1988 Oct 20) 203 (4) 917-25.  
 Journal code: J6V. ISSN: 0022-2836.  
 CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
 EM 198904  
 AB We have identified two distinctive regions of the repetitive unit  
 nucleotide sequence of fibroin mRNA of Bombyx mori. The codon  
 usage for the major amino acids, glycine, alanine and serine is distinctly  
 different in these two regions, indicating that it is determined by the  
 fibroin mRNA or gene structure but not by the tRNA population.  
 Comparative computer analyses of nucleotide substitutions in the unit  
 sequence suggest that selection has operated on the codon usage to  
 optimize the secondary structure characteristic of the fibroin  
 mRNA.  
 CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
 Amino Acid Sequence  
 \*Codon  
 Computer Simulation  
 DNA, Circular: GE, genetics  
 \*Fibroin: GE, genetics  
 Genes  
 Molecular Sequence Data  
 \*Repetitive Sequences, Nucleic Acid  
 \*RNA, Messenger  
 \*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
 \*Silkworms: GE, genetics  
 RN 9007-76-5 (Fibroin)  
 CN 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Circular); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 84 OF 126 MEDLINE  
 AN 88330060 MEDLINE  
 DN 88330060  
 TI A substitution of cytosine for thymine in codon 110 of the human  
 beta-globin gene is a novel cause of beta-thalassemia phenotypes.

AU Naritomi Y; Naito Y; Nakashima H; Yokota E; Imamura T  
CS First Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Kyushu University,  
Fukuoka, Japan..  
SO HUMAN GENETICS, (1988 Sep) 80 (1) 11-5.  
Journal code: GED. ISSN: 0340-6717.  
CY GERMANY, WEST: Germany, Federal Republic of  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 198812  
AB We have described a novel human globin gene mutation that produced in a  
Japanese family the beta-thalassemia phenotype through a  
post-translational mechanism. Substitution of proline for leucine at  
position 110 in the G-helix of the beta-globin chain greatly reduced the  
molecular **stability** of the beta-globin subunit, leading to total  
destruction of the variant globin chains by proteolysis and hence to the  
beta-thalassemia phenotype. The mutation could be identified after MspI  
digestion. This detection of the mutation on the gene level is valuable  
for diagnostic purposes.  
CT Check Tags: Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Amino Acid Sequence  
Base Sequence  
\*Codon  
\*Cytosine  
\*Genes, Structural  
\*Globin: GE, genetics  
Molecular Sequence Data  
Phenotype  
\*RNA, Messenger  
Thalassemia: BL, blood  
\*Thalassemia: GE, genetics  
\*Thymine  
RN 65-71-4 (Thymine); 71-30-7 (Cytosine); 9004-22-2 (Globin)  
CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 85 OF 126 MEDLINE  
AN 88299168 MEDLINE  
DN 88299168  
TI New amber mutation in a beta-thalassemic gene with nonmeasurable levels of  
mutant messenger **RNA** in vivo.  
AU Atweh G F; Brickner H E; Zhu X X; Kazazian H H Jr; Forget B G  
CS Department of Medicine, University of Michigan School of Medicine, Ann  
Arbor..  
SO JOURNAL OF CLINICAL INVESTIGATION, (1988 Aug) 82 (2) 557-61.  
Journal code: HS7. ISSN: 0021-9738.  
CY United States  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Abridged Index Medicus Journals; Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 198811  
AB We have identified a beta-thalassemia gene that carries a novel nonsense  
mutation in a Chinese patient. This mutation, a G to T substitution at the  
first position of codon 43, changes the glutamic acid coding triplet (GAG)  
to a terminator codon (TAG). Based on oligonucleotide hybridization  
studies of 78 Chinese and Southeast Asian beta-thalassemia chromosomes, we  
estimate that this mutation accounts for a small minority of the  
beta-thalassemia mutations in that population. Study of the expression of  
this cloned gene in a transient expression system demonstrated a 65%  
decrease in levels of normally spliced mutant beta-globin **mRNA**.  
However, the study of reticulocyte **RNA** isolated from an  
individual heterozygous for this mutation demonstrated a total absence of  
this mutant **mRNA** in vivo. The basis for this big discrepancy  
between the level of accumulated **mRNA** in vivo and in vitro is  
probably the result of differences in the **stabilities** of the  
mutant **mRNA** in erythroid cells.  
CT Check Tags: Human; Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.; Support, U.S. Gov't,

P.H.S.

Amino Acid Sequence

Base Sequence

**\*Codon: GE, genetics****\*Genes, Structural**

Globin: GE, genetics

Molecular Sequence Data

**\*Mutation**

Oligonucleotides: CS, chemical synthesis

Polymorphism (Genetics)

Reticulocytes: AN, analysis

**\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics****\*RNA, Messenger: IP, isolation & purification**

Thalassemia: BL, blood

**\*Thalassemia: GE, genetics**

Transcription, Genetic

RN 9004-22-2 (Globin)

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Oligonucleotides); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 86 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 88227821 MEDLINE

DN 88227821

TI Mutations in the leader sequence and initiation codon of the gene for ribosomal protein S20 (rpsT) affect both translational efficiency and autoregulation.

AU Parsons G D; Donly B C; Mackie G A

CS Department of Biochemistry, University of Western Ontario, London, Canada..

SO JOURNAL OF BACTERIOLOGY, (1988 Jun) 170 (6) 2485-92.

Journal code: HH3. ISSN: 0021-9193.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 198809

AB We have transferred the complete structural gene and part of the leader for ribosomal protein S20 of Escherichia coli to a controllable expression vector and have used oligonucleotide-directed mutagenesis to create mutations in the untranslated leader of the plasmid-borne gene. We have assayed for posttranscriptional regulation of the synthesis of S20 after inducing transcription of the mutant S20 mRNA from the expression vector. We found that two mutations lead to loss of feedback control of S20 synthesis: (i) a change of the initiation codon from UUG to AUG and (ii) a replacement of part of the S20 leader with a nonhomologous sequence including an AUG initiation codon. These mutations also lead to increases in both the intrinsic translational efficiency of the plasmid-encoded S20 mRNA in vitro and its half-life in vivo. A double mutation (GA to CT) at residues -3 and -4 relative to the initiation codon does not result in overproduction of S20. Rather, it reduces translational efficiency in vitro and mRNA stability in vivo. Our results demonstrate the fundamental importance of the UUG initiation codon in mediating autogenous repression of S20 synthesis.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Base Sequence

Cloning, Molecular

**\*Codon**

Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

Genes, Structural

**\*Mutation****\*Peptide Chain Initiation****\*Ribosomal Proteins: GE, genetics****\*RNA, Messenger****\*Signal Peptides: GE, genetics****\*Translation, Genetic**

CN 0 (ribosomal protein S20); 0 (Codon); 0 (Ribosomal Proteins); 0 (

RNA, Messenger); 0 (Signal Peptides)

L134 ANSWER 87 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 88155638 MEDLINE

DN 88155638

TI Codon distribution in vertebrate genes may be used to predict gene length.

AU Bains W

CS Department of Biochemistry, University of Bath, Claverton Down, England.

SO JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, (1987 Oct 5) 197 (3) 379-88.

Journal code: J6V. ISSN: 0022-2836.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 198806

AB I have analysed the coding regions of 96 eukaryotic genes for their use of iso-coding codons. Specific codons occur more frequently in specific positions in all members of some gene families than would be expected if codon choice was determined solely by the frequency of codon usage. In the absence of evidence a priori for selection for particular codons at particular positions, I term such co-occurring codons "coincident codons". Coincident codons are not confined to particular regions of genes, and their occurrence is not detectably linked with the location of introns in the genomic sequence. Their presence is partly but not completely explained by the exchange of sequence between similar functional genes within a species: homologous genes from different organisms also possess the same codons at some sites with greater than expected frequencies. The relative excess of coincident codons correlates well with the overall length of the genes analysed, but not with the length of mRNA or coding regions, or with qualitative features of gene structure or expression. This, and the unusual sequence environment of coincident codons, suggests that they are a feature of the overall secondary structure of the heterogeneous nuclear RNA. Such considerations suggest approaches for optimizing the expression of exogenous genes in eukaryotic systems, and for predicting the structure of genes for which only partial sequence data is available.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Comparative Study; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Actins: GE, genetics

Base Sequence

\*Codon

\*Genes, Structural

Multigene Family

\*RNA, Messenger

Sequence Homology, Nucleic Acid

Vertebrates: GE, genetics

CN 0 (Actins); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 88 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 88107877 MEDLINE

DN 88107877

TI Decoding at the ribosomal A site: antibiotics, misreading and energy of aminoacyl-tRNA binding.

AU Hornig H; Woolley P; Luhrmann R

CS Max-Planck-Institut fur molekulare Genetik, Berlin, F.R.G..

SO BIOCHIMIE, (1987 Aug) 69 (8) 803-13.

Journal code: A14. ISSN: 0300-9084.

CY France

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 198805

AB The binding of Phe-tRNA<sup>Phe</sup> at the programmed ribosomal A site has been investigated using antibiotics that influence this binding in different ways. The adhesion of Phe-tRNA<sup>Phe</sup>, the consumption of GTP and the extent of the peptidyl transfer reaction were monitored. All of the five known misreading-inducing antibiotics that were tested stabilised the

binding of Phe-tRNA<sup>Phe</sup> after its affixture to the A site by EF-Tu with GTP hydrolysis. The **stabilisation** was sufficient to overcome a single mismatch in the codon-anticodon interaction. Combinations of **stabilising** and destabilising influences were found to be additive, thus supporting the concepts: (1) that there is a 'correct' binding energy for aminoacyl tRNA in the A site, whose reduction hampers polypeptide synthesis and whose increase makes it inaccurate by by-passing proofreading; and (2) that the different antibiotics affect the bound aminoacyl tRNA at different points.

CT \*Antibiotics: PD, pharmacology

\*Codon

Escherichia coli: ME, metabolism

Peptides: ME, metabolism

Ribosomes: DE, drug effects

\*Ribosomes: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Messenger

\*RNA, Transfer, Amino Acid-Specific: ME, metabolism

\*Translation, Genetic: DE, drug effects

CN 0 (Antibiotics); 0 (Codon); 0 (Peptides); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Amino Acid-Specific)

L134 ANSWER 89 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 88062727 MEDLINE

DN 88062727

TI At least six nucleotides preceding the AUG initiator codon enhance translation in mammalian cells.

AU Kozak M

CS Department of Biological Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, PA 15260.

NC GM33915 (NIGMS)

SO JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, (1987 Aug 20) 196 (4) 947-50.

Journal code: J6V. ISSN: 0022-2836.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Cancer Journals; Priority Journals

EM 198803

AB Sequences flanking the AUG initiator codon influence its recognition by eukaryotic ribosomes. From a comparison of several hundred mRNA sequences, CCA/GCCAUGG emerged as the consensus sequence for initiation in higher eukaryotes. Systematic mutagenesis of a cloned preproinsulin gene confirmed the facilitating effect of A or G in position -3 (i.e. 3 nucleotides upstream from the AUG codon), C in positions -1 and -2, and G immediately following the AUG codon. The analysis of a new set of mutants now reveals that sequences slightly farther upstream are also influential, the **optimal** context for initiation being (GCC)GCCA/GCCAUGG. Possible mechanistic implications of the repeating GCC motif are discussed.

CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
Base Sequence

\*Codon

Mutation

Proinsulin: GE, genetics

Protein Precursors: GE, genetics

\*RNA, Messenger

\*Translation, Genetic

RN 61116-24-3 (preproinsulin); 9035-68-1 (Proinsulin)

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Protein Precursors); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 90 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 88038832 MEDLINE

DN 88038832

TI Codon replacement in the PGK1 gene of Saccharomyces cerevisiae: experimental approach to study the role of biased codon usage in gene expression.

AU Hoekema A; Kastelein R A; Vasser M; de Boer H A

CS Department of Cell Genetics, Genentech, Inc., South San Francisco,

California 94080..

SO MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY, (1987 Aug) 7 (8) 2914-24.  
Journal code: NGY. ISSN: 0270-7306.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

OS GENBANK-M17195

EM 198802

AB The coding sequences of genes in the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* show a preference for 25 of the 61 possible coding triplets. The degree of this biased codon usage in each gene is positively correlated to its expression level. Highly expressed genes use these 25 major codons almost exclusively. As an experimental approach to studying biased codon usage and its possible role in modulating gene expression, systematic codon replacements were carried out in the highly expressed PGK1 gene. The expression of phosphoglycerate kinase (PGK) was studied both on a high-copy-number plasmid and as a single copy gene integrated into the chromosome. Replacing an increasing number (up to 39% of all codons) of major codons with synonymous minor ones at the 5' end of the coding sequence caused a dramatic decline of the expression level. The PGK protein levels dropped 10-fold. The steady-state mRNA levels also declined, but to a lesser extent (threefold). Our data indicate that this reduction in mRNA levels was due to destabilization caused by impaired translation elongation at the minor codons. By preventing translation of the PGK mRNAs by the introduction of a stop codon 3' and adjacent to the start codon, the steady-state mRNA levels decreased dramatically. We conclude that efficient mRNA translation is required for maintaining mRNA stability in *S. cerevisiae*. These findings have important implications for the study of the expression of heterologous genes in yeast cells.

CT Amino Acid Sequence  
Base Sequence  
\*Codon  
DNA Restriction Enzymes  
DNA, Recombinant: ME, metabolism  
\*Genes, Fungal  
\*Genes, Structural  
\*Phosphoglycerate Kinase: GE, genetics  
Plasmids  
\*RNA, Messenger  
Saccharomyces cerevisiae: EN, enzymology  
\*Saccharomyces cerevisiae: GE, genetics  
\*Transcription, Genetic

CN EC 2.7.2.3 (Phosphoglycerate Kinase); EC 3.1.21 (DNA Restriction Enzymes);  
0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Recombinant); 0 (Plasmids); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 91 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 88013826 MEDLINE

DN 88013826

TI [Affinity modification of *Escherichia coli* ribosomes by 4-[(N-2-chloroethyl)N-methylamino]benzyl-5'-phosphamide hexauridylylate in a complex stabilized by codon-anticodon interactions on P and A sites].  
Affinnaia modifikatsiia ribosom *Escherichia coli* 4-[(N-2-khloretil)N-metilamino]benzil-5'-fosfamidom geksauidilata v komplekse, stabiliziruemom kodon-antikodonovym vzaimodeistviem v P- i A-uchastke.

AU Gimautdinova O I; Karpova G G

SO MOLEKULIARNAIA BIOLOGIIA, (1987 Jul-Aug) 21 (4) 942-8.  
Journal code: NGX. ISSN: 0026-8984.

CY USSR

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA Russian

FS Priority Journals

EM 198801  
 AB Affinity labeling of E. coli ribosomes with 4-[(N-2-chloroethyl)-N-methylamino] benzyl-5'-phosphamide of hexauridylylate was studied within the complex containing tRNAPhe at P site and Phe-tRNAPhe at A site directed by EF-Tu and GTP. Ribosomal proteins as well as rRNA both in 30S and 50S subunits were found to be labelled within the complex. Labeled proteins were identified as S3, S9 and L2. Selectivity of affinity labeling with mRNA analogs was shown to depend on the functional state of the ribosomes. Modification was more selective within the complex stabilized by codon-anticodon interaction both at A and P-sites than within the complex in which this interaction takes place preferentially at P site.

CT \*Anticodon

\*Codon

Electrophoresis, Polyacrylamide Gel

English Abstract

Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

\*Escherichia coli: ME, metabolism

Organometallic Compounds: ME, metabolism

\*Organometallic Compounds: PD, pharmacology

Ribosomal Proteins: ME, metabolism

\*Ribosomes: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Messenger

RNA, Ribosomal: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Transfer

RNA, Transfer, Phe: ME, metabolism

\*Uracil Nucleotides: PD, pharmacology

Uridine Monophosphate: AA, analogs & derivatives

Uridine Monophosphate: ME, metabolism

\*Uridine Monophosphate: PD, pharmacology

RN 58-97-9 (Uridine Monophosphate); 9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)

CN 0 (Anticodon); 0 (Codon); 0 (Organometallic Compounds); 0 (Ribosomal Proteins); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Ribosomal); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Phe); 0 (Uracil Nucleotides)

L134 ANSWER 92 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 88011313 MEDLINE

DN 88011313

TI Destabilization of codon-anticodon interaction in the ribosomal exit site.

AU Lill R; Wintermeyer W

CS Institut fur Physiologische Chemie, Physikalische Biochemie und Zellbiologie, Universitat Munchen, F.R.G..

SO JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, (1987 Jul 5) 196 (1) 137-48.

Journal code: J6V. ISSN: 0022-2836.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 198801

AB The affinities of the exit (E) site of poly(U) or poly(A)-programmed Escherichia coli ribosomes for the respective cognate tRNA and a number of non-cognate tRNAs were determined by equilibrium titrations. Among the non-cognate tRNAs, the binding constants vary up to about tenfold (10<sup>(6)</sup> to 10<sup>(7)</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> at 20 mM-Mg<sup>2+</sup>) or 50-fold (10 mM-Mg<sup>2+</sup>), indicating that codon-independent binding is modulated to a considerable extent by structural elements of the tRNA molecules other than the anticodon. Codon-anticodon interaction stabilizes tRNA binding in the E site approximately fourfold (20 mM-Mg<sup>2+</sup>) or 20-fold (10 mM-Mg<sup>2+</sup>), corresponding to delta G degree values of -3 and -7 kJ/mol (0.7 and 1.7 kcal/mol), respectively. Thus, the energetic contribution of codon-anticodon interaction to tRNA binding in the E site appears rather small, particularly in comparison to the large effects on the binding in A and P sites and to the binding of complementary oligonucleotides or of tRNAs with complementary anticodons. This result argues against a role of the E site-bound tRNA in the fixation of the mRNA on the ribosome. In contrast, we propose that the role of the E site is to



facilitate the release of the discharged tRNA during translocation by providing an intermediate, labile binding site for the tRNA leaving the P site. The lowering of both affinity and **stability** of tRNA binding accompanying the transfer of the tRNA from the P site to the E site is predominantly due to the labilization of the codon-anticodon interaction.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

\*Anticodon: ME, metabolism

Binding Sites

\*Codon: ME, metabolism

Escherichia coli: ME, metabolism

\*Ribosomes: ME, metabolism

RNA, Bacterial: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Transfer: ME, metabolism

RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl: ME, metabolism

Spectrometry, Fluorescence

RN 9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)

CN 0 (tRNA, phenylalanine-); 0 (Anticodon); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Bacterial); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl)

L134 ANSWER 93 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 87254241 MEDLINE

DN 87254241

TI Models of nearly neutral mutations with particular implications for nonrandom usage of synonymous codons.

AU Li W H

SO JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR EVOLUTION, (1987) 24 (4) 337-45.

Journal code: J76. ISSN: 0022-2844.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 198710

AB The population dynamics of nearly neutral mutations are studied using a single-site and a multisite model. In the latter model, the nucleotides in a sequence are completely linked and the selection schemes employed are additive, multiplicative, and additive with a threshold. Although the third selection scheme is very different from the first two, the three schemes produce identical results for a wide range of parameter values. Thus the present study provides a general theory for the population dynamics of nearly neutral mutations because the results can also be used to draw inferences about other selection schemes such as **stabilizing** selection and synergistic selection. It is shown that the number of slightly deleterious mutations accumulated in a sequence can be considerably larger under the multisite model than under the single-site model, particularly if the sequence is long or if the mutation rate per site is high. The results show that even a very slight selective difference between synonymous codons can produce a strong bias in codon usage. Three alternative explanations for the strong bias in codon usage in bacterial and yeast genes are considered. The implications of the present results for molecular evolution are discussed.

CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

\*Codon

Evolution

\*Models, Genetic

\*Mutation

Probability

\*RNA, Messenger

Selection (Genetics)

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 94 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 87225671 MEDLINE

DN 87225671

TI Codon usage in streptococci.  
 AU Malke H  
 SO JOURNAL OF BASIC MICROBIOLOGY, (1986) 26 (10) 587-95.  
 Journal code: JOT. ISSN: 0233-111X..  
 CY GERMANY, EAST: German Democratic Republic  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals  
 EM 198709  
 AB Codon usage was analysed for 14 streptococcal genes or significant open reading frames and found to be different from that in Escherichia coli and Bacillus subtilis. In particular, the preferred use of WWT codons over WWC was inconsistent with the rule of **optimal** codon-anticodon interaction energy. On the other hand, for SSTC codons, adherence to this rule was better in streptococci than in E. coli. A preliminary codon bias table generated with the Pustell computer program for the analysed streptococcal genes may prove useful for the detection of protein coding regions in newly sequenced DNAs from both streptococci and staphylococci.

CT Check Tags: Comparative Study  
 Bacillus subtilis: GE, genetics  
 \*Codon  
 Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
 \*Genes, Bacterial  
 \*RNA, Messenger  
 Species Specificity  
 \*Streptococcus: GE, genetics

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 95 OF 126 MEDLINE  
 AN 86286533 MEDLINE  
 DN 86286533  
 TI Codon usage in yeast: cluster analysis clearly differentiates highly and lowly expressed genes.  
 AU Sharp P M; Tuohy T M; Mosurski K R  
 SO NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, (1986 Jul 11) 14 (13) 5125-43.  
 Journal code: O8L. ISSN: 0305-1048.  
 CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
 EM 198611  
 AB Codon usage data has been compiled for 110 yeast genes. Cluster analysis on relative synonymous codon usage revealed two distinct groups of genes. One group corresponds to highly expressed genes, and has much more extreme synonymous codon preference. The pattern of codon usage observed is consistent with that expected if a need to match abundant tRNAs, and intermediacy of tRNA-mRNA interaction energies are important selective constraints. Thus codon usage in the highly expressed group shows a higher correlation with tRNA abundance, a greater degree of third base pyrimidine bias, and a lesser tendency to the A+T richness which is characteristic of the yeast genome. The cluster analysis can be used to predict the likely level of gene expression of any gene, and identifies the pattern of codon usage likely to yield **optimal** gene expression in yeast.

CT Base Composition  
 \*Codon  
 Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
 \*Gene Expression Regulation  
 Histones: GE, genetics  
 Ribosomal Proteins: GE, genetics  
 \*RNA, Messenger  
 \*Saccharomyces cerevisiae: GE, genetics

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Histones); 0 (Ribosomal Proteins); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 96 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 86219708 MEDLINE  
DN 86219708  
TI Sequence verification of mutant codon assignments in trpA of Escherichia coli.  
AU Tucker S D; Murgola E J  
NC GM-21499 (NIGMS)  
SO DNA, (1986 Apr) 5 (2) 123-8.  
Journal code: EAW. ISSN: 0198-0238.  
CY United States  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals  
EM 198609  
AB Over the past 30 years, a variety of mutations have been characterized in trpA, the gene for the alpha-subunit of tryptophan synthetase in Escherichia coli. On the basis of amino acid sequence analyses, reversion studies, or suppressibility by codon-specific translational suppressors, base substitutions were deduced and codons assigned for each mutation. In the present study, three of the trpA mutants obtained over 25 years ago and a series of codon position 234 trpA mutants isolated more recently by specific selection methods have been cloned and characterized by DNA sequence analysis. Our results establish the reliability of the mutant codon assignments, confirm the validity of the selection and detection procedures used to obtain missense and nonsense mutations in trpA, and demonstrate that the trpA sequence has been **stably** maintained throughout 30 years of laboratory culturing and mutagenic treatments.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
Amino Acid Sequence  
\*Bacterial Proteins: GE, genetics  
Base Sequence  
\*Codon  
DNA, Bacterial: AN, analysis  
Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
\*Genes, Bacterial  
Genes, Structural  
Plasmids  
\*RNA, Messenger  
Suppression, Genetic  
\*Tryptophan Synthase: GE, genetics

CN EC 4.2.1.20 (Tryptophan Synthase); 0 (Bacterial Proteins); 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Bacterial); 0 (Plasmids); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 97 OF 126 MEDLINE  
AN 85270435 MEDLINE  
DN 85270435  
TI Molecular mechanism of codon recognition by tRNA species with modified uridine in the first position of the anticodon.  
AU Yokoyama S; Watanabe T; Murao K; Ishikura H; Yamaizumi Z; Nishimura S; Miyazawa T  
SO PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, (1985 Aug) 82 (15) 4905-9.  
Journal code: PV3. ISSN: 0027-8424.  
CY United States  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 198511  
AB Proton NMR analyses have been made to elucidate the conformational characteristics of modified nucleotides as found in the first position of the anticodon of tRNA [derivatives of 5-methyl-2-thiouridine 5'-monophosphate (pxm5s2U) and derivatives of 5-hydroxyuridine 5'-monophosphate (pxo5U)]. In pxm5s2U, the C3'-endo form is extraordinarily more **stable** than the C2'-endo form for the ribose ring, because of the combined effects of the 2-thiocarbonyl group and the 5-substituent. By contrast, in pxo5U, the C2'-endo form is much more **stable** than the C3'-endo form, because of the interaction

between the 5-substituent and the 5'-phosphate group. The enthalpy differences between the C2'-endo form and the C3'-endo form have been obtained as 1.1, -0.7, and 0.1 kcal/mol (1 cal = 4.184 J) for pxm5s2U, pxo5U, and unmodified uridine 5'-monophosphate, respectively. These findings lead to the conclusion that xm5s2U in the first position of the anticodon exclusively takes the C3'-endo form to recognize adenosine (but not uridine) as the third letter of the codon, whereas xo5U takes the C2'-endo form as well as the C3'-endo form to recognize adenosine, guanosine, and uridine as the third letter of the codon on ribosome. Accordingly, the biological significance of such modifications of uridine to xm5s2U/xo5U is in the regulation of the conformational rigidity/flexibility in the first position of the anticodon so as to guarantee the correct and efficient translation of codons in protein biosynthesis.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

\*Anticodon

\*Codon

Hydrogen Bonding

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance

Nucleic Acid Conformation

\*RNA, Messenger

\*RNA, Transfer

\*RNA, Transfer: GE, genetics

Structure-Activity Relationship

\*Uridine: AA, analogs & derivatives

Uridine: GE, genetics

RN 58-96-8 (Uridine); 9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)

CN 0 (Anticodon); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 98 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 85237537 MEDLINE

DN 85237537

TI Codon equilibrium I: Testing for homogeneous equilibrium.

AU Wilbur W J

SO JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR EVOLUTION, (1984-85) 21 (2) 169-81.

Journal code: J76. ISSN: 0022-2844.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 198510

AB We present theoretical considerations that suggest that synonymous-codon usage might be expected to be close to an equilibrium distribution given a very homogeneous process of silent substitution. By homogeneous we mean that substitution depends only on the two bases involved, so that 12 base-substitution rates completely describe the silent substitution process. We have developed a method of statistically testing for such homogeneous equilibrium and applied it to reported data on the codon usages of different classes of organisms. Weakly expressed bacterial sequences and both mammalian and nonmammalian eukaryotic sequences deviate significantly from a random pattern of codon usage, in the direction of homogeneous equilibrium. On the other hand, highly expressed bacterial sequences do not exhibit homogeneous equilibrium, which may be correlated with recent experimental results showing that they are **optimized** to accept the most abundant tRNAs. To examine the effect of amino acid replacements on the homogeneous model of silent substitution, we divided the amino acids with degenerate codes into two classes, those with high mutabilities and those with low, and performed the same analysis on bacterial and eukaryotic data sets. The codon sets of the highly mutable class of amino acids are not further from homogeneous equilibrium than are the codon sets of the class with low mutabilities. We also found for the eukaryotic data that these independent classes of codon sets show very similar equilibrium patterns. The various results suggest a high level of uniformity in the process of silent fixation in the different synonymous-codon sets, especially in eukaryotes.

CT Check Tags: Comparative Study

Amino Acid Sequence

Base Sequence

**\*Codon**

DNA: GE, genetics

Eukaryotic Cells: PH, physiology

**\*Evolution**

**\*Genetic Code**

Mutation

Probability

Prokaryotic Cells: PH, physiology

**\*RNA, Messenger**

RN 9007-49-2 (DNA)

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 99 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 85237493 MEDLINE

DN 85237493

TI Sense codons are found in specific contexts.

AU Yarus M; Folley L S

NC GM 30881 (NIGMS)

SO JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, (1985 Apr 20) 182 (4) 529-40.

Journal code: J6V. ISSN: 0022-2836.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 198510

AB The sequence environment of codons in structural genes has been investigated statistically, using computer methods. A set of Escherichia coli genes with abundant products was compared with a set having low gene product levels, in order to detect potential differences associated with expression. The results show striking non-randomness in the nucleotides occurring near codons. These effects are, unexpectedly, very much larger and more homogeneous among the genes with rare products. The intensity of effects in weakly expressed genes suggests that such non-random sequence environments decrease expression. In the weakly expressed set of genes, the 5' neighbor of a codon, and all positions of the 3' neighbor codon are biased. In the highly expressed genes, the first nucleotide of the next codon is a uniquely affected site. The distribution of non-randomness in weakly expressed genes suggests that sequence bias is primarily due to a constraint acting directly on the secondary or tertiary structure of the codon/anticodon. In highly expressed genes, the observed bias suggests an interaction between the codon/anticodon and a site outside the codon/anticodon. Much of the tendency to non-random near-neighbor sequences in weakly expressed genes can be ascribed to a correlation between nearby nucleotides and the wobble nucleotide of the codon, despite the fact that selection of such correlations will alter the amino acid sequence. The favored pattern, in genes expressed at low level, is R YYR or Y RRY. R indicates purine, Y indicates pyrimidine; the space is the boundary between codons. It seems likely that this preference for nearby sequences is the physical basis of the genetic context effect. Under this assumption such sequence biases will affect expression. On this basis, we predict new sites for contextual mutations which decrease expression, and suggest strategy for the design of messages having **optimal** translational activity.

CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

Amino Acids: AN, analysis

Base Sequence

**\*Codon**

Computers

DNA, Bacterial

Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

Gene Expression Regulation

Genes, Bacterial

Genes, Structural

**\*Genetic Code**

## Probability

**\*RNA, Messenger**

CN 0 (Amino Acids); 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Bacterial); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 100 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 85170567 MEDLINE

DN 85170567

TI [Mechanism of the stereospecific **stabilization** of codon-anticodon complexes in ribosomes during translation].  
Mekhanizm stereospetsificheskoi **stabilizatsii** kodon-antikodonykh kompleksov na ribosomakh v khode translyatsii.

AU Potapov A P

SO ZHURNAL OBSHCHEI BIOLOGII, (1985 Jan-Feb) 46 (1) 63-77. Ref: 83

Journal code: YA8. ISSN: 0044-4596.

CY USSR

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

General Review; (REVIEW)

LA Russian

EM 198507

CT Check Tags: Animal

**\*Anticodon: ME, metabolism**

Binding Sites

**\*Codon: ME, metabolism**

Drug Interactions

English Abstract

Guanosine Triphosphate: ME, metabolism

Peptide Chain Elongation

Peptide Elongation Factors: ME, metabolism

Protein Binding

Protein Conformation

**\*Ribosomes: ME, metabolism****\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism****\*RNA, Transfer: ME, metabolism**

RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl: ME, metabolism

Stereoisomerism

Temperature

**\*Translation, Genetic**

RN 86-01-1 (Guanosine Triphosphate); 9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)

CN 0 (tRNA, peptidyl-); 0 (Anticodon); 0 (Codon); 0 (Peptide Elongation Factors); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl)

L134 ANSWER 101 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 85131011 MEDLINE

DN 85131011

TI An alternative approach to deoxyoligonucleotides as hybridization probes by insertion of deoxyinosine at ambiguous codon positions.

AU Ohtsuka E; Matsuki S; Ikehara M; Takahashi Y; Matsubara K

SO JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, (1985 Mar 10)-260 (5) 2605-8.

Journal code: HIV. ISSN: 0021-9258.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 198506

AB Two deoxyoligonucleotide probes (23-mer and 26-mer) carrying deoxyinosine residues (I) at positions corresponding to ambiguous nucleotides derived from amino acid sequence have been synthesized by the phosphotriester method using a polymer support. The 23-mer and 26-mer corresponded to the mRNA for 8 amino acids from gastrin and 9 amino acids from cholecystokinin, respectively. The dIs have been used where the base in the third position of the amino acid codon is ambiguous. These deoxyoligonucleotides were used as probes for hybridization with colonies containing the corresponding cDNAs or genes. The hybrid formed between a gastrin clone and the 23-mer that harbors 5 dIs was dissociated at 50-55

degrees C, suggesting that deoxyinosine did not significantly effect the **stabilization** or destabilization of the DNA duplex. A similar result was obtained using the 26-mer that contains 5 dIs and a phage clone DNA of the cholecystokinin gene. Thus oligonucleotide probes with deoxyinosine residues at ambiguous points seem to be useful as hybridization probes for cloning genes for proteins containing amino acids with degenerate codons.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Base Sequence

**\*Codon**

\*Deoxyribonucleotides: CS, chemical synthesis

DNA: AN, analysis

Gastrins: GE, genetics

\*Inosine: AA, analogs & derivatives

\*Nucleic Acid Hybridization

**\*RNA, Messenger**

Temperature

Templates

RN 58-63-9 (Inosine); 890-38-0 (deoxyinosine); 9007-49-2 (DNA)

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Deoxyribonucleotides); 0 (Gastrins); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 102 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 85073716 MEDLINE

DN 85073716

TI [Demonstration of a sudden change in the use of codons in the vicinity of transcription termination].

Mise en evidence d'une variation brusque de l'utilisation des codons au voisinage de la terminaison de la transcription.

AU Limaïem J; Henaut A

SO COMPTES RENDUS DE L ACADEMIE DES SCIENCES. SERIE III, SCIENCES DE LA VIE, (1984) 299 (8) 275-80.

Journal code: CA1. ISSN: 0764-4469.

CY France

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA French

FS Priority Journals

EM 198504

AB A characteristic profile of fluctuations in the use of codons is seen in bacteriophages, Mammal mitochondria and animal viruses. Following DNA in the direction of transcription, one goes slowly from an area rich in codons ending by C to an area rich in codons ending by T and then one falls abruptly in an area rich in C. The termination of transcription is located in the area where the use of codons changes suddenly. It seems that the choice of codons ending by T or C is directed by the necessity to have a variation in the **stability** of the DNA. We propose a dynamic model where large scale variations of the **stability** of the DNA regulates the speed of propagation of the RNA -polymerase.

CT Check Tags: Animal

**\*Codon: ME, metabolism**

**\*DNA-Directed RNA Polymerase: ME, metabolism**

English Abstract

Models, Genetic

**\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism**

\*Transcription, Genetic

CN EC 2.7.7.6 (DNA-Directed RNA Polymerase); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 103 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 85051366 MEDLINE

DN 85051366

TI Yeast tRNAAsp: codon and wobble codon-anticodon interactions. A transferred nuclear Overhauser enhancement study.

AU Gronenborn A M; Clore G M; McLaughlin L W; Graeser E; Lorber B; Giege R

SO EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF BIOCHEMISTRY, (1984 Dec 3) 145 (2) 359-64.

Journal code: EMZ. ISSN: 0014-2956.  
 CY GERMANY, WEST: Germany, Federal Republic of  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
 EM 198503  
 AB The conformations of the ribotrinucleoside bisphosphates GpApC and GpApU, the codon and wobble codon for aspartic acid respectively, bound to yeast tRNA<sup>Asp</sup> in solution, have been examined by means of time-dependent transferred nuclear Overhauser enhancement measurements to determine distances between bound ligand protons. The conformations of the two bound ribotrinucleoside bisphosphates are shown to be very similar with an overall root-mean-square difference in interproton distances of 0.03 nm. The ribose conformations of all the residues are 3'-endo; the glycosidic bond torsion angles of the A and C residues of GpApC and of the A and U residues of GpApU are in the low anti range. These features are typical of an A-RNA type structure. In contrast, the G residue of both GpApC and GpApU exists as a mixture of syn and anti conformations. The overall conformation of the two bound ribotrinucleoside bisphosphates is also similar to A-RNA and the **stability** of the complexes is enhanced by extensive base-base stacking interactions. In addition, it is shown that the binding of the codon GpApC to tRNA<sup>Asp</sup> induces self-association into a multicomplex system consisting of four GpApC-tRNA<sup>Asp</sup> complexes, whereas the wobble codon GpApU fails to induce any observable self-association.  
 CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
 \*Anticodon  
 Aspartic Acid  
 \*Codon  
 Hydrogen Bonding  
 Nuclear Magnetic Resonance  
 Nucleic Acid Conformation  
 \*RNA, Messenger  
 \*RNA, Transfer  
 Saccharomyces cerevisiae: GE, genetics  
 RN 56-84-8 (Aspartic Acid); 9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)  
 CN 0 (Anticodon); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 104 OF 126 MEDLINE  
 AN 84307562 MEDLINE  
 DN 84307562  
 TI Protein synthesis in rabbit reticulocytes: requirements for Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup>. 40S preinitiation complex formation with AUG-codon and physiological mRNAs.  
 AU Roy R; Nasrin N; Ahmad M F; Gupta N K  
 NC GM 22079 (NIGMS)  
 SO BIOCHEMICAL AND BIOPHYSICAL RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS, (1984 Aug 16) 122 (3) 1418-25.  
 Journal code: 9Y8. ISSN: 0006-291X.  
 CY United States  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
 EM 198412  
 AB Under standard conditions, in the presence of GTP, highly purified eIF-2 and Co-eIF-2 factor preparations efficiently stimulated AUG-codon dependent but not physiological mRNA-dependent Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup> binding to 40S ribosomes. Replacement of GTP by a nonhydrolyzable GTP analog, GMP-PNP, in the above system, gave significant stimulation of Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup> binding to 40S ribosomes dependent on physiological mRNAs. Lower but significant stimulation of Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup> binding to 40S ribosomes was also observed when GTP was used in the presence of nucleoside 5'-diphosphate kinase (NDK) and ATP. ATP alone in the absence of NDK had no significant effect. This is the first report on the formation of a **stable** Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup>. 40S initiation complex dependent on physiological mRNAs and the factor requirements for such complex formation.



CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
 \*Blood Proteins  
 \*Codon: GE, genetics  
 Globin: GE, genetics  
 Guanosine Triphosphate: PD, pharmacology  
 Guanylyl Imidodiphosphate: PD, pharmacology  
 Kinetics  
 \*Peptide Initiation Factors: BL, blood  
 Rabbits  
 \*Reticulocytes: ME, metabolism  
 \*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
 RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl: BL, blood  
 \*Translation, Genetic  
 Translation, Genetic: DE, drug effects  
 RN 34273-04-6 (Guanylyl Imidodiphosphate); 86-01-1 (Guanosine Triphosphate);  
 9004-22-2 (Globin)  
 CN 0 (eIF-2); 0 (tRNA, formylmethionine-); 0 (Blood Proteins); 0 (Codon); 0  
 (Guanine Nucleotide Exchange Factors); 0 (Peptide Initiation Factors); 0 (  
 RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl)

L134 ANSWER 105 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 84188487 MEDLINE

DN 84188487

TI Structure of the ribotrinucleoside diphosphate codon UpUpC bound to  
 tRNAPhe from yeast. A time-dependent transferred nuclear Overhauser  
 enhancement study.

AU Clore G M; Gronenborn A M; McLaughlin L W

SO JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, (1984 Mar 25) 174 (1) 163-73.

Journal code: J6V. ISSN: 0022-2836.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 198408

AB The structure of the ribotrinucleoside diphosphate UpUpC, the codon for  
 phenylalanine, bound to yeast tRNAPhe in solution is elucidated using  
 time-dependent proton-proton transferred nuclear Overhauser enhancement  
 measurements to determine distances between bound ligand protons. The  
 glycosidic bond and ribose conformations are low anti and 3'-endo,  
 respectively, typical of an A-RNA type structure. The main chain  
 torsion angles are all within the range of those expected for A-  
 RNA but small differences from those in conventional A-RNA  
 11 result in a special structure with a larger rotation per residue (40 to  
 45 degrees compared to 32.7 degrees in R-RNA 11) and almost  
 perfect stacking of the bases. These two structural features, which are  
 similar to those found in the anticodon triplet of the monoclinic crystal  
 form of tRNAPhe, can account for the known greater **stability** of  
 the codon-anticodon complex relative to an equivalent double helical  
 RNA trimer with a conventional A-RNA structure.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

\*Codon

\*Cytidine: AA, analogs & derivatives

Cytidine: GE, genetics

Macromolecular Systems

Models, Genetic

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance

Nucleic Acid Conformation

\*Oligonucleotides: GE, genetics

\*Oligoribonucleotides: GE, genetics

\*RNA, Messenger

\*RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl: GE, genetics

\*Saccharomyces cerevisiae: GE, genetics

Time Factors

RN 2791-46-0 (5'-r(uridylyl-uridylyl cytidine)); 65-46-3 (Cytidine)

CN 0 (tRNA, phenylalanine-); 0 (Codon); 0 (Macromolecular Systems); 0  
 (Oligonucleotides); 0 (Oligoribonucleotides); 0 (RNA,

Messenger); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl)

L134 ANSWER 106 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 84135791 MEDLINE

DN 84135791

TI High guanine plus cytosine content in the third letter of codons of an extreme thermophile. DNA sequence of the isopropylmalate dehydrogenase of *Thermus thermophilus*.

AU Kagawa Y; Nojima H; Nukiwa N; Ishizuka M; Nakajima T; Yasuhara T; Tanaka T; Oshima T

SO JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, (1984 Mar 10) 259 (5) 2956-60.

Journal code: HIV. ISSN: 0021-9258.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

OS GENBANK-K01444

EM 198406

AB In studies on the cause of the extreme **stability** of the macromolecules of *Thermus thermophilus* HB8, the *leuB* gene coding for 3-isopropylmalate dehydrogenase of the leucine synthesis pathway and its flanking regions were cloned and sequenced. The *leuB* gene of *T. thermophilus* was expressed in a *leuB*-less mutant of *Escherichia coli*, and thermostable dehydrogenase was purified from an extract of the cells. The primary structure of the thermophilic isopropylmalate dehydrogenase was deduced from the nucleotide sequence *leuB* gene (1017 base pairs) and the amino acid sequence of the peptides isolated from the purified dehydrogenase. The thermophilic dehydrogenase has  $M_r = 35,968$ , and the value was close to that determined for the monomer of dehydrogenase (36,000) by gel electrophoresis. The molecular weight of active dimeric dehydrogenase was found to be 73,000 by high speed liquid chromatography. The primary structure of dehydrogenase was consistent with the amino acid composition of the dehydrogenase. In contrast to the isopropylmalate dehydrogenase of *E. coli* which contains 8 cysteine residues, there was no cysteine in thermophilic isopropylmalate dehydrogenase. The 5'-noncoding region contained a typical Shine-Dalgarno sequence. The guanine plus cytosine content of the coding region was 70.1%, and that of the third letter of the codons was extremely high (89.4%).

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

\*Alcohol Oxidoreductases: GE, genetics

Amino Acid Sequence

Base Composition

Base Sequence

\*Codon: GE, genetics

\*Cytosine: AN, analysis

DNA Restriction Enzymes

\*DNA, Bacterial: GE, genetics

\*Genes, Bacterial

\*Genes, Structural

\*Guanine: AN, analysis

\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

*Thermus*: EN, enzymology

\**Thermus*: GE, genetics

RN 71-30-7 (Cytosine); 73-40-5 (Guanine)

CN EC 1.1 (Alcohol Oxidoreductases); EC 1.1.1.85 (3-isopropylmalate dehydrogenase); EC 3.1.21 (DNA Restriction Enzymes); 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Bacterial); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 107 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 84032548 MEDLINE

DN 84032548

TI Unconventional reading of the glycine codons.

AU Samuelsson T; Axberg T; Boren T; Lagerkvist U

SO JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, (1983 Nov 10) 258 (21)

13178-84.

Journal code: HIV. ISSN: 0021-9258.

CY United States  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 198402  
AB We have used a protein-synthesizing in vitro system programmed with the phage message MS2-RNA to investigate the ability of glycyl-tRNAs with different anticodons to read the glycine codons. Under conditions of no competition, when the glycyl-tRNA analyzed was the only source of glycine for protein synthesis, each of the isoacceptors tested, tRNA1Gly (anticodon CCC), tRNA2Gly (anticodon N/UCC), tRNA3Gly (anticodon GCC) from Escherichia coli, and tRNAGly (anticodon UCC) from Mycoplasma mycoides, could read all of the glycine codons in the MS2 coat protein cistron (GGU, GGC, GGA, and GGG). However, tRNA1Gly seemed to have difficulties reading through the whole cistron. Experiments in which two glycyl-tRNAs competed for the same codon showed that the mycoplasma tRNAGly (anticodon UCC) was almost as efficient in the unorthodox reading of the codons GGU and GGC as it was in conventional reading. It would seem to be the only tRNAGly present in Mycoplasma mycoides and our results are consistent with this finding since the mycoplasma tRNAGly appears to have been designed to read all four glycine codons with approximately equal efficiency. The competition experiments furthermore showed that E. coli tRNA1Gly (anticodon CCC) reads the codon GGA more efficiently than it reads GGU and GGC suggesting that the mispair C . A between the wobble position of the anticodon and the third codon position might have appreciable **stability**.

CT Check Tags: Comparative Study; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Amino Acid Sequence  
Base Sequence  
**\*Codon: GE, genetics**  
**\*Coliphages: GE, genetics**  
**\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics**  
**\*Glycine: GE, genetics**  
**\*Mycoplasma mycoides: GE, genetics**  
**\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics**  
**\*RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl: GE, genetics**  
**RNA, Viral: GE, genetics**  
Species Specificity

RN 56-40-6 (Glycine)  
CN 0 (tRNA, glycine-); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl); 0 (RNA, Viral)

L134 ANSWER 108 OF 126 MEDLINE  
AN 83210229 MEDLINE  
DN 83210229  
TI Effect of codon shortening and the antibiotics viomycin and sparsomycin upon the behaviour of bound aminoacyl-tRNA. Decoding at the ribosomal A site.  
AU Hornig H; Woolley P; Luhrmann R  
SO FEBS LETTERS, (1983 Jun 13) 156 (2) 311-5.  
Journal code: EUH. ISSN: 0014-5793.

CY Netherlands  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 198309  
AB 70 S ribosomes were programmed with initiator tRNA and messenger oligonucleotides AUG(U)n and AUG(C)n, where n = 1, 2 or 3. The binding of the ternary complexes [Phe-tRNA X EF-Tu X GTP] and [Pro-tRNA X EF-Tu X GTP] to the programmed ribosomes was studied. If codon-anticodon interaction is restricted to only one basepair, the ternary complex leaves the ribosome before GTP hydrolysis. Two basepairs allow hydrolysis of GTP, but the aminoacyl-tRNA dissociates and is recycled, resulting in wastage of GTP. Three basepairs result in apparently **stable** binding of aminoacyl-tRNA to the ribosome. The antibiotic sparsomycin weakens the binding by an amount roughly equivalent to one messenger base, while

viomycin has the reverse effect.

CT \*Antibiotics, Antineoplastic: PD, pharmacology  
Binding Sites: DE, drug effects  
Chemistry  
\*Codon: ME, metabolism  
\*Genetic Code: DE, drug effects  
Guanosine Triphosphate: ME, metabolism  
Hydrolysis  
\*Ribosomes: ME, metabolism  
\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism  
\*RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl: ME, metabolism  
\*Sparsomycin: PD, pharmacology  
\*Viomycin: PD, pharmacology  
RN 1404-64-4 (Sparsomycin); 32988-50-4 (Viomycin); 86-01-1 (Guanosine  
Triphosphate)  
CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Amino  
Acyl)

L134 ANSWER 109 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 83049081 MEDLINE

DN 83049081

TI Codon:anticodon and anticodon:anticodon interaction: evaluation of  
equilibrium and kinetic parameters of complexes involving a g:u wobble.

AU Labuda D; Grosjean H; Striker G; Porschke D

SO BIOCHIMICA ET BIOPHYSICA ACTA, (1982 Sep 27) 698 (3) 230-6.

Journal code: AOW. ISSN: 0006-3002.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 198303

AB In order to learn about the effect of the G:U wobble interaction we  
characterized to codon:anticodon binding between triplets: UUC, UUU and  
yeast tRNAPhe (anticodon GmAA) as well as the anticodon:anticodon binding  
between Escherichia coli tRNAGlu2, E. coli tRNALys (anticodons: mam5s2UUC,  
and mam5S2UUU, respectively) and tRNAPhe from yeast and E. coli (anticodon  
GAA) using equilibrium fluorescence titrations and temperature jump  
measurements with fluorescence and absorption detection. The difference in  
**stability** constants between complexes involving a G:U pair rather  
than a usual G:C basepair is in the range of one order magnitude and is  
mainly due to the shorter lifetime of the complex involving G:U in the  
wobble position. This difference is more pronounced when the codon triplet  
is structured, i.e., is built in the anticodon loop of a tRNA. The  
reaction enthalpies of the anticodon:anticodon complexes involving G:U  
mismatching were found to be about 4 kcal/mol smaller, and the melting  
temperatures more than 20 degrees C lower, than those of the corresponding  
complexes with the G:C basepair. The results are discussed in terms of  
different strategies that might be used in the cell in order to minimize  
the effect of different lifetimes of codon-tRNA complexes. Differences in  
these lifetimes may be used for the modulation of the translation  
efficiency.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

\*Anticodon: ME, metabolism

Binding, Competitive

\*Codon: ME, metabolism

Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

Kinetics

\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Transfer: ME, metabolism

Translation, Genetic

RN 9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)

CN 0 (Anticodon); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 110 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 83028535 MEDLINE

DN 83028535

TI Preferential codon usage in prokaryotic genes: the **optimal** codon-anticodon interaction energy and the selective codon usage in efficiently expressed genes.

AU Grosjean H; Fiers W

SO GENE, (1982 Jun) 18 (3) 199-209. Ref: 72  
Journal code: FOP. ISSN: 0378-1119.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
General Review; (REVIEW)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 198302

AB By considering the nucleotide sequence of several highly expressed coding regions in bacteriophage MS2 and **mRNAs** from Escherichia coli, it is possible to deduce some rules which govern the selection of the most appropriate synonymous codons NNU or NNC read by tRNAs having GNN, QNN or INN as anticodon. The rules fit with the general hypothesis that an efficient in-phase translation is facilitated by proper choice of degenerate codewords promoting a codon-anticodon interaction with intermediate strength (**optimal** energy) over those with very strong or very weak interaction energy. Moreover, codons corresponding to minor tRNAs are clearly avoided in these efficiently expressed genes. These correlations are clearcut in the normal reading frame but not in the corresponding frameshift sequences +1 and +2. We hypothesize that both the **optimization** of codon-anticodon interaction energy and the adaptation of the population to codon frequency or vice versa in highly expressed **mRNAs** of E. coli are part of a strategy that **optimizes** the efficiency of translation. Conversely, codon usage in weakly expressed genes such as repressor genes follows exactly the opposite rules. It may be concluded that, in addition to the need for coding an amino acid sequence, the energetic consideration for codon-anticodon pairing, as well as the adaptation of codons to the tRNA population, may have been important evolutionary constraints on the selection of the **optimal** nucleotide sequence.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

\*Anticodon: GE, genetics  
Base Sequence

\*Codon: GE, genetics

\*Coliphages: GE, genetics

\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

\*Genes, Bacterial

\*Genes, Viral

\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

\*RNA, Transfer: GE, genetics

\*RNA, Viral: GE, genetics  
Transcription, Genetic  
Translation, Genetic  
Viral Proteins: GE, genetics

RN 9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)

CN 0 (Anticodon); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Viral); 0 (Viral Proteins)

L134 ANSWER 111 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 83023172 MEDLINE

DN 83023172

TI RNA folding is unaffected by the nonrandom degenerate codon choice.

AU Nussinov R

SO BIOCHIMICA ET BIOPHYSICA ACTA, (1982 Aug 30) 698 (2) 111-5.  
Journal code: AOW. ISSN: 0006-3002.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 198302

AB The frequent suggestion that the nonrandom codon usage is explained by its

forming more **stable mRNAs** is tested in 22 genes. Only the histones, globins, and the rat preproinsulin gene show a correlation between the preferred degenerate codons and the **stability** of the secondary structure of the their **mRNAs**. However, the examined members from the histone and globin gene families, both among the oldest, in evolutionary sense, eukaryotic genes, have a high GC content (approx. 56% compared to an average of 42% in all eukaryotes) which is reflected in their degenerate codon choice and thus in their more **stable** folding.

CT Check Tags: Animal  
\*Codon: **GE, genetics**  
\*Genes, Structural  
Globin: **GE, genetics**  
Histones: **GE, genetics**  
\*Nucleic Acid Conformation  
Proteins: **GE, genetics**  
Rabbits  
Rats  
\*RNA, Messenger: **GE, genetics**  
Thermodynamics  
RN 9004-22-2 (Globin)  
CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Histones); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 112 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 82170439 MEDLINE

DN 82170439

TI Correlation between the abundance of Escherichia coli transfer **RNAs** and the occurrence of the respective codons in its protein genes: a proposal for a synonymous codon choice that is **optimal** for the E. coli translational system.

AU Ikemura T

SO JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, (1981 Sep 25) 151 (3) 389-409.

Journal code: J6V. ISSN: 0022-2836.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 198208

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

\*Codon

\*Escherichia coli: **GE, genetics**  
Evolution

\*Genes, Structural  
Models, Genetic

\*RNA, Bacterial

RNA, Bacterial: **AN, analysis**

\*RNA, Messenger

\*RNA, Transfer

RNA, Transfer: **AN, analysis**

\*Translation, Genetic

RN 9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Bacterial); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 113 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 82150194 MEDLINE

DN 82150194

TI Key for protein coding sequences identification: computer analysis of codon strategy.

AU Rodier F; Gabarro-Arpa J; Ehrlich R; Reiss C

SO NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, (1982 Jan 11) 10 (1) 391-402.

Journal code: O8L. ISSN: 0301-5610.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 198207

AB The signal qualifying an AUG or GUG as an initiator in **mRNAs** processed by E. coli ribosomes is not found to be a systematic, literal homology sequence. In contrast, **stability** analysis reveals that initiators always occur within nucleic acid domains of low **stability**, for which a high A/U content is observed. Since no aminoacid selection pressure can be detected at N-termini of the proteins, the A/U enrichment results from a biased usage of the code degeneracy. A computer analysis is presented which allows easy detection of the codon strategy. N-terminal codons carry rather systematically A or U in third position, which suggests a mechanism for translation initiation and helps to detect protein coding sequences in sequenced DNA.

CT \*Amino Acid Sequence  
 \*Bacterial Proteins: GE, genetics  
 \*Base Sequence  
 \*Codon: GE, genetics  
 Coliphages: GE, genetics  
 \*Computers  
 \*DNA, Bacterial: GE, genetics  
 Escherichia coli: ME, metabolism  
 Genes, Structural  
 Methods  
 Ribosomes: ME, metabolism  
 \*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics  
 Translation, Genetic  
 CN 0 (Bacterial Proteins); 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Bacterial); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 114 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 82060328 MEDLINE

DN 82060328

TI Possibility of extensive neutral evolution under **stabilizing** selection with special reference to nonrandom usage of synonymous codons.

AU Kimura M

SO PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, (1981 Sep) 78 (9) 5773-7.  
 Journal code: PV3. ISSN: 0027-8424.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 198203

AB The rate of evolution in terms of the number of mutant substitutions in a finite population is investigated assuming a quantitative character subject to **stabilizing** selection, which is known to be the most prevalent type of natural selection. It is shown that, if a large number of segregating loci (or sites) are involved, the average selection coefficient per mutant under **stabilizing** selection may be exceedingly small. These mutants are very slightly deleterious but nearly neutral, so that mutant substitutions are mainly controlled by random drift, although the rate of evolution may be lower as compared with the situation in which all the mutations are strictly neutral. This is treated quantitatively by using the diffusion equation method in population genetics. A model of random drift under **stabilizing** selection is then applied to the problem of "nonrandom" or unequal usage of synonymous codons, and it is shown that such nonrandomness can readily be understood within the framework of the neutral mutation--random drift hypothesis (the neutral theory, for short) of molecular evolution.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
 Alleles

\*Codon

\*Evolution

Gene Frequency

Mutation

Phenotype

Probability

\*RNA, Messenger

Selection (Genetics)  
 CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 115 OF 126 MEDLINE  
 AN 81236553 MEDLINE  
 DN 81236553  
 TI Effect of threonylcarbamoyl modification (t6A) in yeast tRNA Arg III on codon-anticodon and anticodon-anticodon interactions. A thermodynamic and kinetic evaluation.  
 AU Weissenbach J; Grosjean H  
 SO EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF BIOCHEMISTRY, (1981 May) 116 (1) 207-13.  
 Journal code: EMZ. ISSN: 0014-2956.  
 CY GERMANY, WEST: Germany, Federal Republic of  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals  
 EM 198111  
 AB The effect of N-[9-(beta-D-ribofuranosyl) purin-6-ylcarbamoyl]threonine (t6A) adjacent to anticodon U-C-U of yeast tRNA Arg III (where U is a modified U), compared to its unmodified adenosine counterpart, has been evaluated by three independent methods: (a) the polynucleotide-directed binding of tRNA on ribosomes, (b) the ribosome-free trinucleotide binding to the anticodon, (c) the anticodon-anticodon binding test. The results obtained by these three methods indicate a small but significant **stabilization** effect of t6A on the binding of yeast tRNA Arg III with (a) poly(A,G) in the presence of Escherichia coli ribosomes, (b) free A-G-A triplet, and (c) E. coli tRNA Ser V (anticodon G-G-A). We therefore conclude that the **stabilization** effect of t6A occurs on U x A and U x G base pairs adjacent to the 5' side of the modified nucleoside, most probably by stacking.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
 Adenosine: AA, analogs & derivatives  
 \*Anticodon: ME, metabolism  
 Base Composition  
 \*Codon: ME, metabolism  
 \*Escherichia coli: ME, metabolism  
 Kinetics  
 \*Purine Nucleosides: ME, metabolism  
 Ribosomes: ME, metabolism  
 \*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism  
 \*RNA, Transfer: ME, metabolism  
 \*RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl: ME, metabolism  
 Saccharomyces cerevisiae: GE, genetics  
 Thermodynamics  
 \*Threonine: AA, analogs & derivatives  
 Threonine: ME, metabolism

RN 24719-82-2 (N(6)-(N-threonylcarbonyl)adenosine); 58-61-7 (Adenosine); 72-19-5 (Threonine); 9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)  
 CN 0 (tRNA, arginine-); 0 (Anticodon); 0 (Codon); 0 (Purine Nucleosides); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl)

L134 ANSWER 116 OF 126 MEDLINE  
 AN 81184709 MEDLINE  
 DN 81184709  
 TI Does quantitative tRNA adaptation to codon content in mRNA **optimize** the ribosomal translation efficiency? Proposal for a translation system model.  
 AU Chavancy G; Garel J P  
 SO BIOCHIMIE, (1981 Mar) 63 (3) 187-95.  
 Journal code: A14. ISSN: 0300-9084.  
 CY France  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals  
 EM 198109  
 AB Neither a dynamic nor an energetic approach of the translation process has



taken into account that intracellular levels of iso-tRNA species are adapted or adjusted to the codon frequency of mRNA being decoded (Bombyx mori silk gland, rabbit reticulocyte). A critical study of available experimental data suggests that the average elongation rate of a protein is maximized in the presence of an adapted tRNA population, usually an homologous tRNA. In addition, the amount of synthesized protein parallels that of corresponding mRNA. Other evidences--including in vitro and in vivo elongation assays with fibroin mRNA--show that individual elongation rates are not uniform. Pauses occur at certain sites of the mRNA chain. The relative lifetime of these pauses depends on the tRNA pool used. Finally, it appears that translation accuracy also depends on the balanced tRNA population. We propose to explain these different effects by using a codon-anticodon recognition model, called "trial and error system" based on a stochastic processing of the ribosome. Accordingly, various acylated tRNA species which surround a ribosome randomly encounter the receptor A site. Every trapped tRNA species is tested for a proper pairing with the codon to be recognized at the level of a comparator or discriminator function. If the pairing is correct, transpeptidation becomes irreversible. If not, the aminoacyl-tRNA is rejected and another randomly trapped tRNA is processed in turn. Mathematical analysis of this model shows that the mean number of trials used for translating the whole sequence of a mRNA is minimized when the proportion of different iso-tRNA species is correlated with the square root of codon frequency. Quantitations of reticulocyte tRNA support such a parabolic relation. Our translation system model brings some light into the role of tRNA adaptation for optimizing translation efficiency, i.e. maximizing both speed and accuracy. Some consequences of the model are discussed.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Codon: AN, analysis

\*Codon: GE, genetics

Kinetics

Models, Genetic

Peptide Chain Elongation

\*RNA, Messenger: GE, genetics

\*RNA, Transfer: AN, analysis

\*Translation, Genetic

RN 9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 117 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 81124301 MEDLINE

DN 81124301

TI Dinucleotide codon-anticodon interaction as a minimum requirement for ribosomal aa-tRNA binding: stabilisation by viomycin of aa-tRNA in the A site.

AU Luhrmann R

SO NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, (1980 Dec 11) 8 (23) 5813-24.

Journal code: O8L. ISSN: 0301-5610.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 198106

AB The requirements for the decoding process at the ribosomal A site have been investigated in the presence of viomycin. For these studies natural mRNA was replaced either by the synthetic oligonucleotide A-U-G(-U)<sub>n</sub>, with 0 less than or equal to n less than or equal to 4, or by a physical mixture of the oligonucleotides A-U-G and various oligo(U) sequences. Thus the effect of the "removal" of selected covalent bonds from the sequence A-U-G(U)<sub>n</sub> could be studied. When the ribosomal P site contains tRNAMetf, then normally the full hexanucleotide "messenger" A-U-G-U-U-U is needed for the EF-Tu-mediated binding of Phe-tRNA into the A site. However in presence of viomycin the pentanucleotide A-U-G-U-U suffices for this. It is also possible in the presence of viomycin to replace A-U-G-U and U-U. In all the above systems the binding of Phe-tRNA

required the presence of EF-Tu and GTP. The results suggest that viomycin reinforces interactions between aa-tRNA and the A site after the codon-anticodon recognition step.

CT Check Tags: Comparative Study; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

\*Anticodon: ME, metabolism

Binding Sites

\*Codon: ME, metabolism

Dipeptides: BI, biosynthesis

Escherichia coli: ME, metabolism

Oligoribonucleotides: ME, metabolism

Ribosomes: DE, drug effects

\*Ribosomes: ME, metabolism

RNA, Bacterial: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Transfer: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl: ME, metabolism

\*Viomycin: PD, pharmacology

RN 32988-50-4 (Viomycin); 9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)

CN 0 (Anticodon); 0 (Codon); 0 (Dipeptides); 0 (Oligoribonucleotides); 0 (

RNA, Bacterial); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA,

Transfer, Amino Acyl)

L134 ANSWER 118 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 81093990 MEDLINE

DN 81093990

TI A GTPase reaction accompanying the rejection of Leu-tRNA<sub>2</sub> by UUU-programmed ribosomes. Proofreading of the codon-anticodon interaction by ribosomes.

AU Thompson R C; Dix D B; Gerson R B; Karim A M

NC GM 24983 (NIGMS)

SO JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, (1981 Jan 10) 256 (1) 81-6.

Journal code: HIV. ISSN: 0021-9258.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 198105

AB The characteristics of a GTPase reaction between poly(U)-programmed ribosomes, EFTu . GTP, and the near-cognate aminoacyl (aa)-tRNA, Leu-tRNA Leu 2, have been studied to assess the role of this reaction in proofreading of the codon-anticodon interaction. The reaction resembles the GTPase reaction with cognate aa-tRNAs and EFTu . GTP in its substrate requirements, in its involving EFTu . GTP . aa-tRNA ternary complexes, and in its requiring a free ribosomal A-site. The noncognate reaction differs from the cognate one in that aa-tRNA becomes **stably** bound to the ribosomes only 5% of the time; it therefore seems best characterized as an abortive enzymatic binding reaction. The rate of reaction is a significant fraction (4%) of that of the cognate aa-tRNA, indicating that recognition of ternary complexes by ribosomes involves a level of error greater than that of translation as a whole. The rejection of the noncognate aa-tRNA following GTP hydrolysis is therefore a vital step in the translation process and fulfills the criteria set for a proofreading reaction. Leu-tRNA Leu 2 which escapes rejection through proofreading, forms a **stable** complex with the ribosomal A-site, so it appears that the Leu-tRNA<sub>2</sub> which was rejected never reached the A-site and that proofreading precedes full A-site binding.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

\*Anticodon: ME, metabolism

\*Codon: ME, metabolism

\*Escherichia coli: ME, metabolism

\*GTP Phosphohydrolases: ME, metabolism

Kinetics

\*Phosphoric Monoester Hydrolases: ME, metabolism

\*Poly U: ME, metabolism

Polyribosomes: ME, metabolism

\*Ribosomes: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism  
 \*RNA, Transfer: ME, metabolism  
 \*RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl: ME, metabolism  
 RN 27416-86-0 (Poly U); 73562-14-8 (tRNA, leucine-); 9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)  
 CN EC 3.1.3 (Phosphoric Monoester Hydrolases); EC 3.6.1.- (GTP Phosphohydrolases); 0 (Anticodon); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger); 0 (RNA, Transfer, Amino Acyl)

L134 ANSWER 119 OF 126 MEDLINE  
 AN 81042559 MEDLINE  
 DN 81042559  
 TI [Use of the degeneracy of the genetic code by selective pressure to cut up genes of procaryote genomes].  
 Utilisation de la degenerescence du code genetique par la pression de selection pour le decoupage en g`enes du genome des procaryotes.  
 AU Rodier F; Gabarro-Arpa J; Ehrlich R; Reiss C  
 SO COMPTES RENDUS DES SEANCES DE L ACADEMIE DES SCIENCES. SERIE D, SCIENCES NATURELLES, (1980 Sep 15) 291 (2) 199-202.  
 Journal code: C9E. ISSN: 0567-655X.  
 CY France  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA French  
 FS Priority Journals  
 EM 198103  
 AB The DNA sequences of three bacteriophages are analysed in order to localise those parts coding for a protein. A weak **stability** on the DNA molecule allows us to characterize the beginning and the end of genes. A survey of the codons used shows that the cause for this weak **stability** is the systematic use of A-T bases in third position, which is made possible by the degeneracy of the genetic code.  
 CT Bacteriophage phi X 174: GE, genetics  
 \*Bacteriophages: GE, genetics  
 Base Composition  
 Base Sequence  
 \*Codon: AN, analysis  
 \*DNA, Viral  
 English Abstract  
 Genetic Code  
 \*RNA, Messenger: AN, analysis  
 Selection (Genetics)  
 CN 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Viral); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 120 OF 126 MEDLINE  
 AN 80254346 MEDLINE  
 DN 80254346  
 TI [Possibilities of forming a hydrogen-bonded cytosine-adenine pair in the structure of transfer ribonucleic acid and at the wobble-position of the codon-anticodon complex].  
 O vozmozhnostiakh obrazovaniia vodorodno-sviazannoi pary tsitozin-adenin v strukture transportnoi ribonukleinovoi kisloty i Wobble-pozitsii kodon-antikodonovogo kompleksa.  
 AU Mikel'saar R N  
 SO MOLEKULIARNAIA BIOLOGIIA, (1980 May-Jun) 14 (3) 694-707.  
 Journal code: NGX. ISSN: 0026-8984.  
 CY USSR  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA Russian  
 FS Priority Journals  
 EM 198012  
 AB 220 nucleotide sequences of tRNAs were investigated to elucidate the frequency of appearance of C-A pairs in their main two-stranded regions, in the positions 26--44 and 15--48. It was supposed, that in the formation of C-A pairs on antiparallel polynucleotide chains the atomic groups--N4-H and -N3 of cytosine make up H-bonds with the groups N7- and H-N6--of adenine. On parallel chains, H-bonds, probably, form -N6-H and --N1 groups

of adenine with N3- and H-N4--of cytosine. The calculation results predicted a significant energy of interaction between cytosine and adenine. By the investigation of the molecular models it was shown that the formation of H-bonded C-A pairs requires considerable changes of conformation in rebosephosphate chains. In addition a theoretical analysis revealed the possibility of formation of C-A pairs at the wobble-position of codon-anticodon complex. The significance of this nucleotide pair in the processes of genetic coding proved to depend on the **stability** of the codon-anticodon complex, modification of cytosine 34 and structural features of the distant regions of the tRNA.

CT \*Adenine  
 \*Anticodon  
   Base Composition  
   Base Sequence  
 \*Codon  
 \*Cytosine  
   English Abstract  
   Hydrogen Bonding  
   Models, Molecular  
   Nucleic Acid Conformation  
 \*RNA, Messenger  
 \*RNA, Transfer

RN 71-30-7 (Cytosine); 73-24-5 (Adenine); 9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)  
 CN 0 (Anticodon); 0 (Codon); 0 (RNA, Messenger)

L134 ANSWER 121 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 80144910 MEDLINE

DN 80144910

TI Secondary structure of MS2 phage **RNA** and bias in code word usage.

AU Hasegawa M; Yasunaga T; Miyata T

SO NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, (1979 Dec 11) 7 (7) 2073-9.

Journal code: O8L. ISSN: 0301-5610.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 198007

AB Based on the secondary structural model of MS2 **RNA**, it is shown that, in base-pairing regions of the **RNA**, there is a bias in the use of synonymous codons which favours C and/or G over U and/or A in the third codon positions, and that in non-pairing regions, there is an opposite bias which favours U and/or A over C and/or G. This nature is interpreted as a result of selective constraint which **stabilises** the secondary structure of the single-stranded **RNA** genome of the MS2 phage.

CT Base Sequence

\*Codon

\*Coliphages: GE, genetics

Nucleic Acid Conformation

\*RNA Phages: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Messenger

\*RNA, Viral

L134 ANSWER 122 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 79111929 MEDLINE

DN 79111929

TI Bacteriophage MS2 **RNA**: a correlation between the **stability** of the codon: anticodon interaction and the choice of code words.

AU Grosjean H; Sankoff D; Jou W M; Fiers W; Cedergren R J

SO JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR EVOLUTION, (1978 Dec 29) 12 (2) 113-9.

Journal code: J76. ISSN: 0022-2844.

CY GERMANY, WEST: Germany, Federal Republic of

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 197906

AB The non-random distribution of degenerate code words in Bacteriophage MS2 RNA can be explained partially by considerations of the **stability** of the codon-anticodon complex in prokaryotic systems. Supporting this hypothesis we note that wobble codons are positively selected in codons having G and/or C in the first two positions. In contrast, wobble codons are statistically less likely in codons composed of A and U in the first two positions. Analyses of nucleotides adjacent to 5' and 3' ends of codons indicate a nonrandom distribution as well. It is thus likely that some elements of RNA evolution are independent of the structural needs of the RNA itself and of the translated protein product.

CT \*Anticodon

\*Codon

\*Coliphages: GE, genetics

Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

Genetic Code

\*RNA, Messenger

\*RNA, Transfer

Thermodynamics

Translation, Genetic

L134 ANSWER 123 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 79024616 MEDLINE

DN 79024616

TI The mechanism of codon-anticodon interaction in ribosomes. Quantitative study of codon-dependent binding of tRNA to the 30-S ribosomal subunits of Escherichia coli.

AU Kirillov S V; Makhno V I; Semenov Y P

SO EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF BIOCHEMISTRY, (1978 Aug 15) 89 (1) 297-304.

Journal code: EMZ. ISSN: 0014-2956.

CY GERMANY, WEST: Germany, Federal Republic of

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 197902

AB The formation of a ternary complex 30-S-subunit . poly(U) . tRNA<sup>Phe</sup> is discussed and the conditions for its correct description by Langmuir's isotherm are deduced. The affinity constant of the binary complex 30-S-subunit . poly(U) is measured. The reversibility of binding of tRNA<sup>Phe</sup> to the complex 30-S-subunit . poly(U) is proved in a direct way. The main reason for the heterogeneity of ternary complexes was found to be due to the ability of high-molecular-weight poly(U) to form complicated aggregates with 30-S subunits. If a fraction of poly(U) of moderate molecular weight (30 000) is used, then the ternary complexes are homogeneous in **stability** and yield the same affinity constants for deacylated, aminoacylated and peptidyl-tRNA<sup>Phe</sup> ( $1 \times 10^8$  M<sup>-1</sup> at 20 mM Mg<sup>2+</sup>, 200 mM NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> and 0 degrees C). Ribosomal protein S1 increases the binding constant of poly(U) with 30-S subunits but does not change the binding constant of tRNA<sup>Phe</sup> with the 30-S-subunit . poly(U) complex. All 30-S subunits, even partially stripped of S1 protein, are active in the binding of both poly(U) and tRNA<sup>Phe</sup>.

CT \*Anticodon: ME, metabolism

\*Codon: ME, metabolism

Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

\*Escherichia coli: ME, metabolism

Kinetics

Mathematics

Phenylalanine

Poly U

\*Ribosomes: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Transfer: ME, metabolism

Translation, Genetic

L134 ANSWER 124 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 76078435 MEDLINE

DN 76078435

TI Allosteric mechanism for codon-dependent tRNA selection on ribosomes.

AU Kurland C G; Rigler R; Ehrenberg M; Blomberg C

SO PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, (1975 Nov) 72 (11) 4248-51.

Journal code: PV3. ISSN: 0027-8424.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 197604

AB We suggest that the interaction between a codon and its cognate tRNA induces conformational changes in the tRNA. We further suggest that sites on the ribosome preferentially bind tRNA in those conformations which require proper matching of codon and anticodon. According to this model, the codon functions as an allosteric effector which influences the conformation at various sites in the tRNA. This is made possible by the ribosome, which we suggest traps tRNA molecules in those conformation states that maximize the energy difference between cognate and noncognate codon-anticodon interactions. Studies of the interactions between tRNA molecules and their cognate codons in the absence of the ribosome have suggested that triplet-triplet interaction between codon and anticodon is far too weak to account for the specificity of the tRNA selection mechanism during protein synthesis. In contrast, we suggest that such affinity measurements do not adequately describe the interaction between a codon and its cognate tRNA. Thus, such experiments can not detect conformational changes in the tRNA, and, in particular, those **stabilized** by the ribosome.

CT Allosteric Regulation

Allosteric Site

\*Codon: ME, metabolism

\*Models, Biological

Nucleic Acid Conformation

\*Ribosomes: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Messenger: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Transfer: ME, metabolism

\*Translation, Genetic

L134 ANSWER 125 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 76022314 MEDLINE

DN 76022314

TI A study of codon-dependent binding of aminoacyl-tRNA with the ribosomal 30-S subparticle of Escherichia coli. Determination of the active-particle fraction and binding constants in different media.

AU Glukhova M A; Belitsina N V; Spirin A S

SO EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF BIOCHEMISTRY, (1975 Mar 3) 52 (1) 197-202.

Journal code: EMZ. ISSN: 0014-2956.

CY GERMANY, WEST: Germany, Federal Republic of

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 197602

AB Titration of isolated Escherichia coli ribosomal 30-S particles with [<sup>14</sup>C]phenylalanyl-tRNA in the presence of poly(uridylic acid) was used for a quantitative assay of codon-dependent binding of aminoacyl-tRNA with the small ribosomal subparticle. The technique has allowed the estimation both of the fraction of "active" 30-S subparticles capable of forming the 30-S - poly(U) - phenylalanyl-tRNA complexes and the equilibrium constants of phenylalanyl-tRNA binding in different media. Heterogeneity of the ternary complexes formed has been revealed: at least two classes of complexes differing in **stability** have been observed. The **stability** of the 30-S - poly(U) - phenylalanyl-tRNA complexes has been shown to decrease with the lowering of the Mg<sup>2+</sup> concentration, the increase of K<sup>+</sup> concentration and the addition of urea. The **stability** of the

complexes increases with the increase of  $Mg^{2+}$  concentration, with the addition of ethanol and decrease of temperature. It is demonstrated that the fraction of actively binding 30-S particles also varies in different medium conditions; it decreases with the increase of ionic strength ( $K^+$ ) and with the addition of urea, and increases with the increase of  $Mg^{2+}$  concentration and addition of ethanol.

CT Binding Sites

\*Codon

Drug Stability

\*Escherichia coli: ME, metabolism

Ethanol: PD, pharmacology

Kinetics

Macromolecular Systems

Magnesium: PD, pharmacology

Phenylalanine

Poly U

Potassium: PD, pharmacology

Receptors, Drug

Ribosomes: DE, drug effects

\*Ribosomes: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Bacterial: ME, metabolism

\*RNA, Messenger

\*RNA, Transfer: ME, metabolism

Urea: PD, pharmacology

L134 ANSWER 126 OF 126 MEDLINE

AN 75095560 MEDLINE

DN 75095560

TI Protein synthesis in rabbit reticulocytes. A study of Met-tRNA f Met binding factor(s) and Met-tRNA f Met binding to ribosomes and AUG codon.

AU Gupta N K; Chatterjee B; Chen Y C; Majumdar A

SO JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, (1975 Feb 10) 250 (3) 853-62.

Journal code: HIV. ISSN: 0021-9258.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Cancer Journals; Priority Journals

EM 197506

AB The effects of additions of  $Mg^{2+}$ , ribosomes, and AUG codon on the Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup> Met-initiation factor-GTP complex were studied using a Millipore filtration method (J. Biol. Chem. 248, 4500 (1973)). Upon addition of increasing concentration of  $Mg^{2+}$ , the Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup> Met-initiation factor-GTP complex dissociates into free Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup> Met and initiation factor (GTP), with an inflection around 1.5 to 2 mM  $Mg^{2+}$ . The  $Mg^{2+}$ -induced dissociation of Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup> Met-initiation factor-GTP complex was enhanced at ice bath temperature. At 37 degrees and in the presence of 1.5 to 2mM  $Mg^{2+}$ , the Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup> Met-initiation factor-GTP complex catalyzes the transfer of Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup> Met to ribosomes and AUG codon. Ribosome bound Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup> Met is **stable** to  $Mg^{2+}$  and low temperature. A Millipore filtration assay for studies of (35S)Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup> Met binding to ribosomes and Aug codon has been developed. The assay procedure is carried out in three stages. In Stage I, the Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup> Met is bound to initiation factor in the presence of GTP, AUG codon (required for Stage II reaction), and 3.7 times  $10^{-5}$  M aurintricarboxylic acid. The incubation is carried out at 37 degrees for 5 min. In Stage II, ribosomes and  $Mg^{2+}$  (1.5 to 2mM final concentration) are added and the incubation is continued at 37 degrees for 10 min. In Stage III, more  $Mg^{2+}$  is added to make the final  $Mg^{2+}$  concentration of the incubation mixture 5 mM, and the reactions are further incubated at ice bath temperature for 10 min. The reactions are then terminated by addition of excess cold wash buffer and filtered through Millipore filters. Under the standard assay conditions, the radioactivity bound to Millipore filters in the absence of ribosomes and AUG codon is markedly reduced. Addition of ribosomes alone gave a significant increase in the radioactivity bound to Millipore filters. A further 2- to 3-fold stimulation of binding of (35S)Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup> Met to Millipore filters was observed when both ribosomes and AUG codon were added. The Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup> Met

bound to ribosomes under the assay condition was reactive with puromycin. Upon DEAE-cellulose chromatography of a partially purified mixture of initiation factors (IF), Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup> Met binding activities separate into two forms, and are designated as IF-1A and IF-1B. These two forms can be distinguished by the **stabilities** of their respective Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup> Met-IF-1-GTP complexes to Mg-2+. The Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup> Met-IF-1A-GTP complex is distinctly more **stable** in the presence of Mg-2+ than Met-tRNA<sup>f</sup> Met-IF-1B-GTP complex. Continue.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

\*Blood Proteins: BI, biosynthesis  
Centrifugation, Density Gradient  
Chromatography, DEAE-Cellulose

**\*Codon**

Cold  
Genetic Code  
Guanosine Triphosphate: ME, metabolism  
Magnesium: PD, pharmacology  
Methionine  
Peptide Chain Initiation: DE, drug effects  
Peptide Initiation Factors: IP, isolation & purification

**\*RNA, Messenger**

**\*RNA, Transfer: ME, metabolism**

Rabbits  
Receptors, Drug  
\*Reticulocytes: ME, metabolism  
Ribosomes: DE, drug effects

\*Ribosomes: ME, metabolism

RN 86-01-1 (Guanosine Triphosphate); 7439-95-4 (Magnesium); 7005-18-7  
(Methionine); **9014-25-9 (RNA, Transfer)**

CN 0 (Blood Proteins); 0 (Codon); 0 (Peptide Initiation Factors); 0  
(Receptors, Drug); 0 (**RNA, Messenger**)

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L135 ANSWER 1 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 1999220879 MEDLINE

DN 99220879

TI alpha-Thalassaemia due to a single codon deletion in the alpha-globin gene. Computational structural analysis of the new alpha-chain variant. Mutations in brief no. 132. Online.

AU Ayala S; Colomer D; Gelpi J L; Corrons J L

CS Hematology Laboratory Department, Hospital Clinic i Provincial, Faculty of Medicine, University of Barcelona, Spain.

SO HUMAN MUTATION, (1998) 11 (5) 412.  
Journal code: BRD. ISSN: 1059-7794.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199906

AB A new unstable alpha-globin chain associated with alpha-thalassemia phenotype has been found in a Spanish patient. Molecular analysis of the alpha-globin gene complex using PCR and non-radioactive single-strand conformation analysis, allowed to identify a new mutation in the second exon of the alpha-globin gene. Direct sequencing of the abnormal fragment revealed a 3 bp deletion, which led to the loss of a single codon corresponding to a Lys (K) residue at position 60 or 61 DK60 or DK61. Theoretical structural analysis, performed by computational methods, indicated that the loss of an amino acid residue at this position disturbed the contact region between the B and E-helices, affecting the overall **stability** of the molecule. Therefore, the DK60 and DK61 results in a structurally abnormal alpha-globin chain, not previously described, named Hb Clinic, which leads to the alpha-thalassemia phenotype in the heterozygote patient. No abnormal hemoglobin was detected by



standard electrophoretic procedures, suggesting that this alpha-globin chain variant is so unstable that it may be catabolized immediately after its synthesis. This mutation was confirmed by PCR using an allele specific primer.

CT Check Tags: Case Report; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

\*Codon: GE, genetics

Computational Biology

\*Globin: GE, genetics

\*Sequence Deletion: GE, genetics

Spain

\*alpha-Thalassemia: GE, genetics

RN 9004-22-2 (Globin)

CN 0 (Codon)

L135 ANSWER 2 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 1999156225 MEDLINE

DN 99156225

TI Comparison of synonymous codon distribution patterns of bacteriophage and host genomes.

AU Kunisawa T; Kanaya S; Kutter E

CS Department of Applied Biological Sciences, Science University of Tokyo, Noda, Japan.. kunisawa@rs.noda.sut.ac.jp

SO DNA RESEARCH, (1998 Dec 31) 5 (6) 319-26.

Journal code: CCB. ISSN: 1340-2838.

CY Japan

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199907

EW 19990702

AB Synonymous codon usage patterns of bacteriophage and host genomes were compared. Two indexes, G + C base composition of a gene (fgc) and fraction of translationally optimal codons of the gene (fop), were used in the comparison. Synonymous codon usage data of all the coding sequences on a genome are represented as a cloud of points in the plane of fop vs. fgc. The Escherichia coli coding sequences appear to exhibit two phases, "rising" and "flat" phases. Genes that are essential for survival and are thought to be native are located in the flat phase, while foreign-type genes from prophages and transposons are found in the rising phase with a slope of nearly unity in the fgc vs. fop plot. Synonymous codon distribution patterns of genes from temperate phages P4, P2, N15 and lambda are similar to the pattern of E. coli rising phase genes. In contrast, genes from the virulent phage T7 or T4, for which a phage-encoded DNA polymerase is identified, fall in a linear curve with a slope of nearly zero in the fop vs. fgc plane. These results may suggest that the G + C contents for T7, T4 and E. coli flat phase genes are subject to the directional mutation pressure and are determined by the DNA polymerase used in the replication. There is significant variation in the fop values of the phage genes, suggesting an adjustment to gene expression level. Similar analyses of codon distribution patterns were carried out for Haemophilus influenzae, Bacillus subtilis, Mycobacterium tuberculosis and their phages with complete genomic sequences available.

CT Check Tags: Comparative Study

Bacillus subtilis: GE, genetics

Bacteriophage lambda: GE, genetics

Bacteriophage P2: GE, genetics

Bacteriophage T7: GE, genetics

\*Bacteriophages: GE, genetics

\*Codon: GE, genetics

Databases, Factual

DNA-Directed DNA Polymerase: GE, genetics

Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

\*Genome, Bacterial

\*Genome, Viral

Haemophilus influenzae: GE, genetics

Mycobacterium tuberculosis: GE, genetics

Ribosomes: GE, genetics  
CN EC 2.7.7.7 (DNA-Directed DNA Polymerase); 0 (Codon)

L135 ANSWER 3 OF 37 MEDLINE  
AN 1999036423 MEDLINE  
DN 99036423  
TI **Optimization** of codon usage of plasmid DNA vaccine is required  
for the effective MHC class I-restricted T cell responses against an  
intracellular bacterium.  
AU Uchijima M; Yoshida A; Nagata T; Koide Y  
CS Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Hamamatsu University School of  
Medicine, Japan.  
SO JOURNAL OF IMMUNOLOGY, (1998 Nov 15) 161 (10) 5594-9.  
Journal code: IFB. ISSN: 0022-1767.  
CY United States  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Abridged Index Medicus Journals; Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 199902  
EW 19990204  
AB In an attempt to study codon usage effects of DNA vaccines on the  
induction of MHC class I-restricted T cell responses against an  
intracellular bacterium, *Listeria monocytogenes*, we designed two plasmid  
DNA vaccines encoding an H-2Kd-restricted epitope of listeriolysin O (LLO)  
of *L. monocytogenes*, LLO 91-99. One DNA vaccine, p91wt, carries the  
wild-type DNA sequence encoding LLO 91-99, and the other one, p91mam,  
possesses the altered DNA sequence in which the codon usage was  
**optimized** for murine system. Our read-through analyses with LLO  
91-99/luciferase fusion genes confirmed that the **optimized** 91mam  
DNA sequence showed extremely higher translation efficiency than the  
wild-type sequence in murine cells. Consistent with this, i.m. injections  
of p91mam, but not of p91wt, into BALB/c mice were capable of inducing  
specific CTL- and IFN-gamma-producing CD8+ T cells able to confer partial  
protection against listerial challenge. Taken together, these observations  
suggest that **optimization** of codon should be taken into  
consideration in the construction of DNA vaccines against nonviral  
pathogens.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Comparative Study; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Bacterial Vaccines: GE, genetics  
\*Bacterial Vaccines: IM, immunology  
\*Codon: IM, immunology  
Cytokines: BI, biosynthesis  
Cytotoxicity, Immunologic  
Histocompatibility Antigens Class I: IM, immunology  
\*Intracellular Fluid: IM, immunology  
Intracellular Fluid: MI, microbiology  
*Listeria monocytogenes*: GE, genetics  
\**Listeria monocytogenes*: IM, immunology  
Luciferase: GE, genetics  
Mice  
Mice, Inbred BALB C  
Open Reading Frames: GE, genetics  
Open Reading Frames: IM, immunology  
\*Plasmids: IM, immunology  
\*T-Lymphocyte Subsets: IM, immunology  
T-Lymphocyte Subsets: ME, metabolism  
T-Lymphocyte Subsets: MI, microbiology  
T-Lymphocytes, Cytotoxic: IM, immunology  
T-Lymphocytes, Cytotoxic: ME, metabolism  
T-Lymphocytes, Cytotoxic: MI, microbiology  
Translation, Genetic: IM, immunology  
Vaccines, DNA: GE, genetics  
\*Vaccines, DNA: IM, immunology

CN EC 1.13.12.- (Luciferase); 0 (Bacterial Vaccines); 0 (Codon); 0  
(Cytokines); 0 (Histocompatibility Antigens Class I); 0 (Plasmids); 0  
(Vaccines, DNA)

L135 ANSWER 4 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 1998382533 MEDLINE

DN 98382533

TI Codon usage in highly expressed genes of *Haemophilus influenzae* and *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*: translational selection versus mutational bias.

AU Pan A; Dutta C; Das J

CS Biophysics Division, Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, 4 Raja S.C. Mullick Road, Calcutta 700032, India.

SO GENE, (1998 Jul 30) 215 (2) 405-13.  
Journal code: FOP. ISSN: 0378-1119.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199812

EW 19981201

AB Biases in the codon usage and base compositions at three codon sites in different genes of A+T-rich Gram-negative bacterium *Haemophilus influenzae* and G+C-rich Gram-positive bacterium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* have been examined to address the following questions: (1) whether the synonymous codon usage in organisms having highly skewed base compositions is totally dictated by the mutational bias as reported previously (Sharp, P.M., Devine, K.M., 1989. Codon usage and gene expression level in *Dictyostelium discoideum*: highly expressed genes do 'prefer' **optimal** codons. *Nucleic Acids Res.* 17, 5029-5039), or is also controlled by translational selection; (2) whether preference of G in the first codon positions by highly expressed genes, as reported in *Escherichia coli* (Gutierrez, G., Marquez, L., Marin, A., 1996. Preference for guanosine at first codon position in highly expressed *Escherichia coli* genes. A relationship with translational efficiency. *Nucleic Acids Res.* 24, 2525-2527), is true in other bacteria; and (3) whether the usage of bases in three codon positions is species-specific. Result presented here show that even in organisms with high mutational bias, translational selection plays an important role in dictating the synonymous codon usage, though the set of **optimal** codons is chosen in accordance with the mutational pressure. The frequencies of G-starting codons are positively correlated to the level of expression of genes, as estimated by their Codon Adaptation Index (CAI) values, in *M. tuberculosis* as well as in *H. influenzae* in spite of having an A+T-rich genome. The present study on the codon preferences of two organisms with oppositely skewed base compositions thus suggests that the preference of G-starting codons by highly expressed genes might be a general feature of bacteria, irrespective of their overall G+C contents. The ranges of variations in the frequencies of individual bases at the first and second codon positions of genes of both *H. influenzae* and *M. tuberculosis* are similar to those of *E. coli*, implying that though the composition of all three codon positions is governed by a selection-mutation balance, the mutational pressure has little influence in the choice of bases at the first two codon positions, even in organisms with highly biased base compositions.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Base Composition

\*Codon: GE, genetics

Dictyostelium: GE, genetics

Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

Genes, Bacterial

\*Haemophilus influenzae: GE, genetics

\*Models, Genetic

\*Mutation

\*Mycobacterium tuberculosis: GE, genetics

Selection (Genetics)

\*Translation, Genetic

CN 0 (Codon)

L135 ANSWER 5 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 1998299794 MEDLINE

DN 98299794

TI Cytochrome c oxidase deficiency associated with the first stop-codon point mutation in human mtDNA.

AU Hanna M G; Nelson I P; Rahman S; Lane R J; Land J; Heales S; Cooper M J; Schapira A H; Morgan-Hughes J A; Wood N W

CS Neurogenetics Section, University Department of Clinical Neurology, Institute of Neurology, London, WC1N 3BG, United Kingdom..  
mhanna@ion.ucl.ac.ukSO AMERICAN JOURNAL OF HUMAN GENETICS, (1998 Jul) 63 (1) 29-36.  
Journal code: 3IM. ISSN: 0002-9297.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199810

EW 19981003

AB We have identified the first stop-codon point mutation in mtDNA to be reported in association with human disease. A 36-year-old woman experienced episodes of encephalopathy accompanied by lactic acidemia and had exercise intolerance and proximal myopathy. Histochemical analysis showed that 90% of muscle fibers exhibited decreased or absent cytochrome c oxidase (COX) activity. Biochemical studies confirmed a severe isolated reduction in COX activity. Muscle immunocytochemistry revealed a pattern suggestive of a primary mtDNA defect in the COX-deficient fibers and was consistent with either reduced **stability** or impaired assembly of the holoenzyme. Sequence analysis of mtDNA identified a novel heteroplasmic G-->A point mutation at position 9952 in the patient's skeletal muscle, which was not detected in her leukocyte mtDNA or in that of 120 healthy controls or 60 additional patients with mitochondrial disease. This point mutation is located in the 3' end of the gene for subunit III of COX and is predicted to result in the loss of the last 13 amino acids of the highly conserved C-terminal region of this subunit. It was not detected in mtDNA extracted from leukocytes, skeletal muscle, or myoblasts of the patient's mother or her two sons, indicating that this mutation is not maternally transmitted. Single-fiber PCR studies provided direct evidence for an association between this point mutation and COX deficiency and indicated that the proportion of mutant mtDNA required to induce COX deficiency is lower than that reported for tRNA-gene point mutations. The findings reported here represent only the second case of isolated COX deficiency to be defined at the molecular genetic level and reveal a new mutational mechanism in mitochondrial disease.

CT Check Tags: Case Report; Female; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Adult

Amino Acid Sequence

\*Codon, Terminator: GE, genetics

\*Cytochrome-c Oxidase: DF, deficiency

Cytochrome-c Oxidase: GE, genetics

\*DNA, Mitochondrial: GE, genetics

Histocytochemistry

Immunohistochemistry

Mitochondrial Myopathies: GE, genetics

Molecular Sequence Data

Muscle, Skeletal: CY, cytology

Muscle, Skeletal: EN, enzymology

\*Point Mutation: GE, genetics

Sequence Analysis, DNA

CN EC 1.9.3.1 (Cytochrome-c Oxidase); 0 (Codon, Terminator); 0 (DNA, Mitochondrial)

L135 ANSWER 6 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 1998269011 MEDLINE

DN 98269011

TI Translation of the flagellar gene fliO of Salmonella typhimurium from putative tandem starts.

AU Schoenhals G J; Kihara M; Macnab R M  
 CS Department of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut 06520-8114, USA.  
 NC A112202 (NIAID)  
 SO JOURNAL OF BACTERIOLOGY, (1998 Jun) 180 (11) 2936-42.  
 Journal code: HH3. ISSN: 0021-9193.  
 CY United States  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals  
 EM 199808  
 EW 19980804  
 AB The flagellar gene *fliO* of *Salmonella typhimurium* can be translated from an AUG codon that overlaps the termination codon of *fliN* (K. Ohnishi et al., J. Bacteriol. 179:6092-6099, 1997). However, it had been concluded on the basis of complementation analysis that in *Escherichia coli* a second start codon 60 bp downstream was the authentic one (J. Malakooti et al., J. Bacteriol. 176:189-197, 1994). This raised the possibility of tandem translational starts, such as occur for the chemotaxis gene *cheA*; this possibility was increased by the existence of a stem-loop sequence covering the second start, a feature also found with *cheA*. Protein translated from the first start codon was detected regardless of whether the second start codon was present; it was also detected when the stem-loop structure was disrupted or deleted. Translation from the second start codon, either as the natural one (GUG) or as AUG, was not detected when the first start and intervening sequence were intact. Nor was it detected when the first codon was attenuated (by conversion of AUGAUG to AUAUA; in *S. typhimurium* there is a second, adjacent, AUG) or eliminated (by conversion to CGCCGC); disruption of the stem-loop structure still did not yield detectable translation from the second start. When the entire sequence up to the second start was deleted, translation from the second start was detected provided the natural codon GUG had been converted to AUG. A *fliO* null mutant could be fully complemented in swarm assays whenever the first start and intervening sequence were present, regardless of the state of the second start. Reasonably good complementation occurred when the first start and intervening sequence were absent provided the second start was intact, either as AUG or as GUG; thus translation from the GUG codon must have been occurring even though protein levels were too low to be detected. The translated intervening sequence is rather divergent between *S. typhimurium* and *E. coli* and corresponds to a substantial cytoplasmic domain prior to the sole transmembrane segment, which is highly conserved; the sequence following the second start begins immediately prior to that transmembrane segment. The significance of the data for *FliO* is discussed and compared to the equivalent data for *CheA*. Attention is also drawn to the fact that given an **optimal** ribosome binding site, AUA can serve as a fairly efficient start codon even though it seldom if ever appears to be used in nature.

CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
 Amino Acid Sequence  
 \*Bacterial Proteins: GE, genetics  
 Base Sequence  
 Codon, Initiator: CH, chemistry  
 \*Codon, Initiator: GE, genetics  
 Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
 Genes, Structural, Bacterial: GE, genetics  
 Genetic Complementation Test  
 Molecular Sequence Data  
 Mutation  
 Nucleic Acid Conformation  
 Recombinant Fusion Proteins  
 \*Salmonella typhimurium: GE, genetics  
 Species Specificity  
 \*Translation, Genetic: GE, genetics

CN 0 (Bacterial Proteins); 0 (Codon, Initiator); 0 (*FliO* protein); 0 (Recombinant Fusion Proteins)

## L135 ANSWER 7 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 1998191879 MEDLINE

DN 98191879

TI Codon **optimization** of the gene encoding a domain from human type 1 neurofibromin protein results in a threefold improvement in expression level in Escherichia coli.

AU Hale R S; Thompson G

CS Biomolecular Structure Unit, GlaxoWellcome R &amp; D, Stevenage, United Kingdom.

SO PROTEIN EXPRESSION AND PURIFICATION, (1998 Mar) 12 (2) 185-8.

Journal code: BJV. ISSN: 1046-5928.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199807

EW 19980705

AB An internal domain from the human type 1 neurofibromin has previously been expressed in Escherichia coli as a fusion with glutathione S-transferase (GST). The expression level of this protein was lower than expected and so a gene was constructed using the distribution of codons found in highly expressed E. coli proteins. Codons were assigned using a Microsoft Visual Basic computer program to give a distribution similar to those found in genes which are highly expressed in E. coli. The **optimized** gene was then cloned back into the same GST fusion plasmid and it was found that the expression of soluble protein had increased threefold.

CT Check Tags: Comparative Study; Human

Base Sequence

Codon: CH, chemistry

\*Codon: GE, genetics

Electrophoresis, Polyacrylamide Gel

Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

\*Gene Expression Regulation: GE, genetics

Molecular Sequence Data

Proteins: BI, biosynthesis

Proteins: CH, chemistry

\*Proteins: GE, genetics

Recombinant Proteins: BI, biosynthesis

Recombinant Proteins: CH, chemistry

Recombinant Proteins: GE, genetics

Sequence Alignment

CN 0 (neurofibromatosis type 1 protein); 0 (Codon); 0 (Proteins); 0 (Recombinant Proteins)

## L135 ANSWER 8 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 1998127832 MEDLINE

DN 98127832

TI Growth phase dependent stop codon readthrough and shift of translation reading frame in Escherichia coli.

AU Wentzel A M; Stancek M; Isaksson L A

CS Department of Microbiology, Stockholm University, Sweden.

SO FEBS LETTERS, (1998 Jan 16) 421 (3) 237-42.

Journal code: EUH. ISSN: 0014-5793.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199805

EW 19980501

AB Nonsense codon readthrough and changed translational reading frame were measured in different growth phases in E. coli. The strains used carry plasmid constructs with a translation assay reporter gene. This reporter gene contains an internal stop codon or a run of U-residues. Termination or frameshifting give rise to **stable** proteins that can be physically quantified on gels along with the complete protein products. Readthrough of the stop codon UGA by a nearcognate tRNA is several fold

higher in active growth than in late exponential phase. In early exponential phase, about 7% of -1 frameshift at a U9 slippery sequence is detectable; upon entry to stationary phase this frameshifting increases to about 40% followed by a decrease in stationary phase. A similar increase is observed in the case of +1 reading frameshift at the U9 sequence, which increases from 13% in early exponential growth phase up to 38% at the beginning of stationary phase followed by a decrease. Thus, the levels of both stop codon readthrough and frameshifting are growth phase dependent, though not in an identical fashion.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Base Sequence

**\*Codon, Terminator**

DNA, Bacterial

Escherichia coli: GD, growth & development

\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

\*Frameshifting, Ribosomal

Molecular Sequence Data

\*Reading Frames

CN 0 (Codon, Terminator); 0 (DNA, Bacterial)

L135 ANSWER 9 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 1998088583 MEDLINE

DN 98088583

TI Missense mutations in codon 225 of ornithine transcarbamylase (OTC) result in decreased amounts of OTC protein: a hypothesis on the molecular mechanism of the OTC deficiency.

AU Garcia-Perez M A; Climent C; Briones P; Vilaseca M A; Rodes M; Rubio V

CS Instituto de Investigaciones Citologicas, Fundacion Valenciana de Investigaciones Biomedicas, Valencia, Spain.

SO JOURNAL OF INHERITED METABOLIC DISEASE, (1997 Nov) 20 (6)  
769-77.

Journal code: KY8. ISSN: 0141-8955.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199804

EW 19980403

AB Mutations P225L and P225R were identified in codon 225 of the gene for ornithine transcarbamylase (OTC) in two patients with the neonatal form of OTC deficiency. The mutations occur at a CpG dinucleotide and eliminate a unique MspI restriction site in exon 7 of the OTC gene. They do not alter existing splice sites or create new sites, as judged from the nucleotide sequence. Both mutations are associated with undetectable levels of OTC antigen in liver homogenates, and with either complete lack of OTC activity (P225R mutation) or very small residual activity (0.15% of normal in the P225L mutation). The residual activity observed with P225L exhibits normal pH dependence, little or no increases in the Km values for ornithine and carbamoyl phosphate and normal **stability** at either 37 degrees C or, in the presence of 0.66 mol/L urea, at 0 degree C. The latter conditions were used to examine whether the P225L mutation favours dissociation of the active OTC trimer. Given the normal **stability** and lack of tendency to dissociation of the mutant enzyme, it appears likely that the dramatic reduction in the level of OTC protein is due to inefficient conversion of the mutant OTC precursor polypeptide (pOTC) into the correctly localized, appropriately folded, mature enzyme trimer, suggesting degradation of pOTC in transit to the mitochondria.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Case Report; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Base Sequence

**\*Codon**

Deoxyribonuclease HpaII: ME, metabolism

**Enzyme Stability**

Exons

Hydrogen-Ion Concentration

Infant, Newborn

Leucine: GE, genetics

Liver: EN, enzymology

Mice

Molecular Sequence Data

\*Mutation

\*Ornithine Carbamoyltransferase: DF, deficiency

\*Ornithine Carbamoyltransferase: GE, genetics

Polymerase Chain Reaction

Proline: GE, genetics

Rats

Sequence Analysis, DNA

RN 147-85-3 (Proline); 7005-03-0 (Leucine)

CN EC 2.1.3.3 (Ornithine Carbamoyltransferase); EC 3.1.21.-  
(Deoxyribonuclease HpaII); 0 (Codon)

L135 ANSWER 10 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 97469617 MEDLINE

DN 97469617

TI Effects of codon usage and vector-host combinations on the expression of  
spinach plastocyanin in Escherichia coli.

AU Ejdeback M; Young S; Samuelsson A; Karlsson B G

CS Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics, Goteborg University, Sweden.

SO PROTEIN EXPRESSION AND PURIFICATION, (1997 Oct) 11 (1) 17-25.

Journal code: BJV. ISSN: 1046-5928.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199801

AB Spinach plastocyanin has been expressed in Escherichia coli and exported  
to the periplasmic space. The effects of codon usage, expression system,  
growth length, and temperature on expression levels in LB medium were  
investigated. A stretch of codons, rare in E. coli, was identified and  
replaced with highly expressed codons, increasing the yield by at least  
20%. Plastocyanin was more efficiently expressed under the T7 promoter  
than under the lac promoter. Maximum yields were obtained at 37 degrees C  
when growing the cells for 16 h after induction. The **optimized**  
expression system produced 38 mg holoprotein per liter culture. In this  
system it was also possible to express plastocyanin in minimal medium, at  
a yield of 10 mg per liter. N-terminal sequencing and mass spectrometry  
showed that plastocyanin was correctly processed. The expressed  
plastocyanin was purified to homogeneity, as shown by an A278/A597 ratio  
of 1.0, and together with amino acid analysis and the determination of  
oxidized and total copper contents, both the absorption coefficients for  
epsilon 278 and for epsilon 597 were determined to be 4700 M-1 cm-1.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Amino Acid Sequence

Base Sequence

Cloning, Molecular: MT, methods

\*Codon

Electron Spin Resonance Spectroscopy

\*Escherichia coli: GE, genetics

Gene Expression

Molecular Sequence Data

Plastocyanin: BI, biosynthesis

\*Plastocyanin: GE, genetics

Recombinant Proteins: BI, biosynthesis

Recombinant Proteins: GE, genetics

Spectrophotometry, Atomic Absorption

\*Spinach: GE, genetics

RN 9014-09-9 (Plastocyanin)

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Recombinant Proteins)

L135. ANSWER 11 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 97465509 MEDLINE

DN 97465509

TI A dinucleotide deletion results in defective membrane anchoring and



circulating soluble glycoprotein Ib alpha in a novel form of Bernard-Soulier syndrome.

AU Kenny D; Newman P J; Morateck P A; Montgomery R R  
CS Department of Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, USA.  
NC R29 HL56027 (NHLBI)  
PO1 HL44612 (NHLBI)  
RR0344 (NCRR)

SO BLOOD, (1997 Oct 1) 90 (7) 2626-33.

Journal code: A8G. ISSN: 0006-4971.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Abridged Index Medicus Journals; Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199801

EW 19980104

AB The platelet membrane glycoprotein (GP)Ib-V-IX complex is the receptor for von Willebrand factor and is composed of four membrane-spanning polypeptides: GPIb alpha, GPIb beta, GPIX, and GPV. A qualitative or quantitative deficiency in the GPIb-V-IX complex on the platelet membrane is the cause of the congenital platelet disorder Bernard-Soulier syndrome (BSS). We describe the molecular basis of a novel variant BSS in a patient in which GPIb alpha was absent from the platelet surface but present in a soluble form in the plasma. DNA sequence analysis showed a homozygous dinucleotide deletion in the codon for Tyr 508 (TAT) in GPIb alpha. This mutation (GPIb alpha deltaAT) causes a frame shift that alters the amino acid sequence of GPIb alpha within its transmembrane region. The hydrophobic nature of the predicted transmembrane region and the cytoplasmic tail at the COOH terminal are altered before reaching a new premature stop codon 38 amino acids short of the wild-type peptide. Although GPIb alpha deltaAT was not detectable on the platelet surface, immunoprecipitation of plasma with specific monoclonal antibodies (MoAbs) identified circulating GPIb alpha. Transient expression of recombinant GPIb alpha deltaAT in 293T cells also generated a soluble form of the protein. Moreover, when a plasmid encoding GPIb alpha deltaAT was transiently transfected into Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells stably expressing the GP beta-IX complex, it failed to be expressed on the cell surface. Thus, a dinucleotide deletion in the codon for Tyr 508 causes a frameshift that alters the amino acid sequence of GPIb alpha starting within its transmembrane region, changes the hydrophobicity of the normal transmembrane region, and truncates the cytoplasmic domain affecting binding to the cytoskeleton and cytoplasmic proteins. This mutation affects anchoring of the GPIb alpha polypeptide in platelets and causes the observed BSS phenotype with circulating soluble GPIb alpha.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Case Report; Female; Human; Male; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.

Aged

Amino Acid Sequence

Bernard-Soulier Syndrome: BL, blood

\*Bernard-Soulier Syndrome: GE, genetics

\*Blood Platelets: ME, metabolism

\*Cell Membrane: ME, metabolism

\*Codon: GE, genetics

Cricetulus

Cytoplasm: ME, metabolism

Cytoskeleton: ME, metabolism

CHO Cells

DNA Mutational Analysis

Hamsters

Molecular Sequence Data

\*Platelet Glycoprotein GPIb-IX Complex: ME, metabolism

Polymerase Chain Reaction

Protein Binding

Protein Structure, Secondary

Recombinant Fusion Proteins: ME, metabolism

\*Sequence Deletion

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Platelet Glycoprotein GPIb-IX Complex); 0 (Recombinant Fusion Proteins)

L135 ANSWER 12 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 97368269 MEDLINE

DN 97368269

TI Evolution of codon usage bias in Drosophila.

AU Powell J R; Moriyama E N

CS Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Yale University, New Haven, CT 06520-8106, USA.. jeffrey.powell@yale.edu

SO PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, (1997 Jul 22) 94 (15) 7784-90.

Journal code: PV3. ISSN: 0027-8424.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199710

EW 19971005

AB We first review what is known about patterns of codon usage bias in Drosophila and make the following points: (i) Drosophila genes are as biased or more biased than those in microorganisms. (ii) The level of bias of genes and even the particular pattern of codon bias can remain phylogenetically invariant for very long periods of evolution. (iii) However, some genes, even very tightly linked genes, can change very greatly in codon bias across species. (iv) Generally G and especially C are favored at synonymous sites in biased genes. (v) With the exception of aspartic acid, all amino acids contribute significantly and about equally to the codon usage bias of a gene. (vi) While most individual amino acids that can use G or C at synonymous sites display a preference for C, there are exceptions: valine and leucine, which prefer G. (vii) Finally, smaller genes tend to be more biased than longer genes. We then examine possible causes of these patterns and discount mutation bias on three bases: there is little evidence of regional mutation bias in Drosophila, mutation bias is likely toward A+T (the opposite of codon usage bias), and not all amino acids display the preference for the same nucleotide in the wobble position. Two lines of evidence support a selection hypothesis based on tRNA pools: highly biased genes tend to be highly and/or rapidly expressed, and the preferred codons in highly biased genes **optimally** bind the most abundant isoaccepting tRNAs. Finally, we examine the effect of bias on DNA evolution and confirm that genes with high codon usage bias have lower rates of synonymous substitution between species than do genes with low codon usage bias. Surprisingly, we find that genes with higher codon usage bias display higher levels of intraspecific synonymous polymorphism. This may be due to opposing effects of recombination.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.

\*Codon

\*Drosophila: GE, genetics

\*Evolution, Molecular  
Recombination, Genetic

CN 0 (Codon)

L135 ANSWER 13 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 97345667 MEDLINE

DN 97345667

TI Bacterial expression and purification of biologically active mouse c-Fos proteins by selective codon **optimization**.

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SO FEBS LETTERS, (1997 Jun 9) 409 (2) 269-72.

Journal code: EUH. ISSN: 0014-5793.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English  
FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 199709  
EW 19970903  
AB A simple strategy using selective codon **optimization** was devised to express mouse c-Fos protein in high levels in E. coli. Ten arginine codons located in the basic region were **optimized** to achieve high levels of protein expression. The c-Fos protein was purified to near homogeneity and was demonstrated to be biologically active by assaying its several biological activities.  
CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Arginine: GE, genetics  
**\*Codon: GE, genetics**  
Electrophoresis, Polyacrylamide Gel  
Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
**\*Genetic Vectors: ME, metabolism**  
Mice  
Mutagenesis, Insertional  
**\*Proto-Oncogene Proteins c-fos: BI, biosynthesis**  
**\*Proto-Oncogene Proteins c-fos: GE, genetics**  
Proto-Oncogene Proteins c-fos: IP, isolation & purification  
RN 7004-12-8 (Arginine)  
CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Genetic Vectors); 0 (Proto-Oncogene Proteins c-fos)

L135 ANSWER 14 OF 37 MEDLINE  
AN 97276224 MEDLINE  
DN 97276224  
TI Further characterization of HLA homozygous typing cell lines at the LMP2 polymorphic codon 60 by an ARMS typing method.  
AU Hopkins L M; Bull P J; Gerlach J A; Bull R W  
CS Immunohematology and Serology Laboratory, Michigan State University, East Lansing 48824, USA.  
SO HUMAN IMMUNOLOGY, (1997 Apr 1) 53 (2) 183-7.  
Journal code: G9W. ISSN: 0198-8859.  
CY United States  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals  
EM 199708  
EW 19970804  
AB LMP2 is a subunit of the 20S proteasome within the cellular cytosolic compartment that is thought to cleave proteins into approximately 9 amino acid long oligopeptides. It is hypothesized that changes in the low molecular mass protease (LMP) gene sequence may alter the activity or specificity in which the LMP genes cleave peptides. Currently, the typing method for LMP2 involves polymerase chain reaction (PCR), restriction enzyme digestion, and gel electrophoresis. To help reduce the cost and cumbersomeness of this method, a new typing method was adapted for the LMP2 gene. To establish this new amplification refractory mutation system (ARMS) typing method, primers have been defined, amplification conditions **optimized**, and control cell lines sequenced to validate testing parameters. Results are listed for selected 10th and 11th International Histocompatibility Workshop homozygous cell lines.  
CT Check Tags: Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Cell Line  
**\*Codon: GE, genetics**  
DNA Primers  
Genotype  
**\*Histocompatibility Testing: MT, methods**  
Homozygote  
**\*HLA Antigens: GE, genetics**  
**\*Polymerase Chain Reaction: MT, methods**  
**\*Polymorphism (Genetics)**  
**\*Proteins: GE, genetics**  
RN 144416-78-4 (LMP-2 protein)  
CN 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA Primers); 0 (HLA Antigens); 0 (Proteins)

L135 ANSWER 15 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 97118940 MEDLINE

DN 97118940

TI Expression and codon usage **optimization** of the erythroid-specific transcription factor cGATA-1 in baculoviral and bacterial systems.

AU Pikaart M J; Felsenfeld G

CS Laboratory of Molecular Biology, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestion and Kidney Disease, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-0540, USA.

SO PROTEIN EXPRESSION AND PURIFICATION, (1996 Dec) 8 (4) 469-75.  
Journal code: BJV. ISSN: 1046-5928.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199705

EW 19970504

AB Biochemical characterization of cGATA-1, a key transcription factor in the regulation of globin expression in chickens, has been precluded by the unavailability of appreciable amounts of the pure protein. Purification directly from embryonic red blood cells has been limited by the difficulty in obtaining large quantities of the starting material, and previous attempts at bacterial expression have consistently yielded truncated product. To solve these problems, we have taken two approaches to the expression of cGATA-1. First, we were able to produce efficient expression from baculovirus-infected insect cells. Second, by altering the codon usage in cDNA encoding the protein's carboxy-terminal region, we obtained good expression of full-length protein in Escherichia coli. These preparations should prove useful in biochemical and structural studies of the factor. Additionally, we describe a primer extension/PCR-based method which can be used to synthesize extended regions of DNA sequence for gene construction.

CT Check Tags: Animal

Baculoviridae

Base Sequence

**\*Codon**

Deoxyribonuclease EcoRI: ME, metabolism

DNA-Binding Proteins: CH, chemistry

**\*DNA-Binding Proteins: GE, genetics**

Genetic Vectors

Molecular Sequence Data

Nuclear Proteins: CH, chemistry

**\*Nuclear Proteins: GE, genetics**

Restriction Mapping

Spodoptera

Transcription Factors: CH, chemistry

**\*Transcription Factors: GE, genetics**

**\*Zinc Fingers**

RN 125267-48-3 (erythroid-specific DNA-binding factor)

CN EC 3.1.21.- (Deoxyribonuclease EcoRI); 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA-Binding Proteins); 0 (Genetic Vectors); 0 (Nuclear Proteins); 0 (Transcription Factors)

L135 ANSWER 16 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 97105906 MEDLINE

DN 97105906

TI **Optimized** codon usage and chromophore mutations provide enhanced sensitivity with the green fluorescent protein.

AU Yang T T; Cheng L; Kain S R

CS Cell Biology Group, CLONTECH Laboratories Inc., Palo Alto, CA 94303-4230, USA.

SO NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, (1996 Nov 15) 24 (22) 4592-3.  
Journal code: O8L. ISSN: 0305-1048.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
 EM 199703  
 AB The green fluorescent protein (GFP) from *Aequorea victoria* is a versatile reporter protein for monitoring gene expression and protein localization in a variety of cells and organisms. Despite many early successes using this reporter, wild type GFP is suboptimal for most applications due to low fluorescence intensity when excited by blue light (488 nm), a significant lag in the development of fluorescence after protein synthesis, complex photoisomerization of the GFP chromophore and poor expression in many higher eukaryotes. To improve upon these qualities, we have combined a mutant of GFP with a significantly larger extinction coefficient for excitation at 488 nm with a re-engineered GFP gene sequence containing codons preferentially found in highly expressed human proteins. The combination of improved fluorescence intensity and higher expression levels yield an enhanced GFP which provides greater sensitivity in most systems.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Human  
 Cell Line  
 \*Codon  
 CHO Cells  
 Flow Cytometry  
 Fluorescence  
 Hamsters  
 Jellyfish  
 \*Luminescent Proteins: GE, genetics

RN 147336-22-9 (green fluorescent protein)  
 CN 0 (Codon); 0 (Luminescent Proteins)

L135 ANSWER 17 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 97090410 MEDLINE  
 DN 97090410  
 TI Codon usage in the *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex.  
 AU Andersson G E; Sharp P M  
 CS Department of Molecular Biology, Uppsala University, Sweden.  
 SO MICROBIOLOGY, (1996 Apr) 142 ( Pt 4) 915-25.  
 Journal code: BXW. ISSN: 1350-0872.  
 CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Priority Journals  
 EM 199703  
 EW 19970301  
 AB The usage of alternative synonymous codons in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (and *M. bovis*) genes has been investigated. This species is a member of the high-G+C Gram-positive bacteria, with a genomic G+C content around 65 mol%. This G+C-richness is reflected in a strong bias towards C- and G-ending codons for every amino acid: overall, the G+C content at the third positions of codons is 83%. However, there is significant variation in codon usage patterns among genes, which appears to be associated with gene expression level. From the variation among genes, putative **optimal** codons were identified for 15 amino acids. The degree of bias towards **optimal** codons in an *M. tuberculosis* gene is correlated with that in homologues from *Escherichia coli* and *Bacillus subtilis*. The set of selectively favoured codons seems to be quite highly conserved between *M. tuberculosis* and another high-G+C Gram-positive bacterium, *Corynebacterium glutamicum*, even though the genome and overall codon usage of the latter are much less G+C-rich.

CT Check Tags: Comparative Study; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
 Bacillus subtilis: GE, genetics  
 Base Composition  
 Base Sequence  
 \*Codon: GE, genetics  
 Corynebacterium: GE, genetics  
 DNA, Bacterial: CH, chemistry

DNA, Bacterial: GE, genetics  
 Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
 Evolution, Molecular  
 Gene Expression  
 Genes, Bacterial  
 Mycobacterium bovis: GE, genetics  
 \*Mycobacterium tuberculosis: GE, genetics  
 Species Specificity

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Bacterial)

L135 ANSWER 18 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 97025696 MEDLINE

DN 97025696

TI Rare pre-core stop-codon mutant nt. 1897 predominates over wide-spread mutant nt. 1896 in an unusual course of chronic hepatitis B.

AU Protzer U; Trippler M; Ohl J; Knolle P; Duchmann R; Meyer zum Buschenfelde K H; Gerken G

CS Medizinische Klinik and Poliklinik, Johannes-Gutenberg-Universitat, Mainz, Germany.

SO JOURNAL OF VIRAL HEPATITIS, (1996 May) 3 (3) 155-62.  
 Journal code: CG0. ISSN: 1352-0504.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199703

EW 19970302

AB We present a patient with an unusual course of hepatitis B e antigen (HBeAg)-negative chronic hepatitis B who had repeated reactivations of his disease progressing to cirrhosis with terminal liver failure. Each flare up presented like an acute hepatitis with very high titres of hepatitis B virus (HBV) and high inflammatory activity followed by rapid clearance of viraemia. The pre-core genome of HBV isolated from sera during 5 years of follow up was analysed. Direct sequencing of polymerase chain reaction (PCR) products derived from consecutive sera showed a rare pre-core stop-codon mutation at nucleotide (nt.) 1897 G --> A with an accompanying mutation nt. 1857 C --> T as well as a stop-codon mutation nt. 1896 G --> A. By cloning and sequencing of PCR products the mutant strain with mutation nt. 1897 was shown to predominate over viral strains with a mutation nt. 1896 during the course of disease, although the stop-codon mutation nt. 1896 in general is observed more frequently. Both mutations allow viral replication by **stabilizing** the encapsidation signal 'epsilon'. This allowed HBV replication at a very high level as observed during flare ups. The absence of HBeAg may be responsible for the massive cytotoxic T-cell response towards hepatocytes which might explain the rapid progression to liver cirrhosis although no, or very little, HBV replication was observed for long periods. However, there is no clear explanation as to why the nt. 1897 mutant strain overwhelmed the other virus strains.

CT Check Tags: Case Report; Human; Male; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
 Adult

Base Sequence

Chronic Disease

\*Codon, Terminator: GE, genetics

DNA, Viral: AN, analysis

\*Hepatitis B: GE, genetics

Hepatitis B e Antigens: AN, analysis

Hepatitis B e Antigens: IM, immunology

Hepatitis B Antibodies: AN, analysis

\*Hepatitis B Core Antigens: GE, genetics

Hepatitis B Core Antigens: IM, immunology

Hepatitis B Surface Antigens: AN, analysis

Hepatitis B Surface Antigens: IM, immunology

\*Hepatitis B Virus: GE, genetics

Hepatitis B Virus: IM, immunology

Liver: PA, pathology

Liver Failure: VI, virology  
Molecular Sequence Data  
Mutation  
Polymerase Chain Reaction  
Signal Transduction: GE, genetics  
T-Lymphocytes, Cytotoxic: VI, virology

CN 0 (Codon, Terminator); 0 (DNA, Viral); 0 (Hepatitis B e Antigens); 0 (Hepatitis B Antibodies); 0 (Hepatitis B Core Antigens); 0 (Hepatitis B Surface Antigens)

L135 ANSWER 19 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 96434046 MEDLINE

DN 96434046

TI PICDI, a simple program for codon bias calculation.

AU Rodriguez-Belmonte E; Freire-Picos M A; Rodriguez-Torres A M;  
Gonzalez-Siso M I; Cerdan M E; Rodriguez-Seijo J M

CS Departamento de Biologia Celular y Molecular, Facultad de Ciencias, La Coruna, Spain.

SO MOLECULAR BIOTECHNOLOGY, (1996 Jun) 5 (3) 191-5.

Journal code: B97. ISSN: 1073-6085.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199702

EW 19970204

AB PICDI is a very simple program designed to calculate the Intrinsic Codon Deviation Index (ICDI). The program is available in Macintosh as well a PC format. Requirements for correct input of the sequences have been kept to a minimum and the analysis of sequences up to 2000 codons is very quick. The ICDI is very useful for estimation of codon bias of genes from species in which **optimal** codons are not known. The availability of a computer program for its calculation will increase its usefulness in the fields of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

\*Codon

\*Database Management Systems

Microcomputers

CN 0 (Codon)

L135 ANSWER 20 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 96133216 MEDLINE

DN 96133216

TI Autosomal dominant cone-rod dystrophy associated with mutations in codon 244 (Asn244His) and codon 184 (Tyr184Ser) of the peripherin/RDS gene.

AU Nakazawa M; Kikawa E; Chida Y; Wada Y; Shiono T; Tamai M

CS Department of Ophthalmology, Tohoku University School of Medicine, Sendai, Japan.

SO ARCHIVES OF OPHTHALMOLOGY, (1996 Jan) 114 (1) 72-8.

Journal code: 830. ISSN: 0003-9950.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Abridged Index Medicus Journals; Priority Journals

EM 199604

AB OBJECTIVE: To characterize clinical findings associated with mutations in codon 244 (Asn244His) and codon 184 (Tyr184Ser) of the peripherin/RDS gene. DESIGN: Case reports with clinical features and results of fluorescein angiography, electroretinography, kinetic visual field testing, and DNA analysis. SETTING: University medical center. PATIENTS: Four affected members of two Japanese families with autosomal dominant cone-rod dystrophy associated with transversion mutations in codon 244 (Asn244His) and codon (Tyr184Ser) of the peripherin/RDS gene. RESULTS: Characteristic features included the initial symptoms of decreased visual acuity, macular degeneration, central or paracentral scotoma, cone-mediated electroretinographic responses that were more impaired than

rod-mediated responses, and pigmentary degeneration in the midperipheral retina in the late stage. These phenotypic features corresponded to cone-rod dystrophy type 2a by the classification of Szlyk and associates. CONCLUSIONS: The Asn244His and Tyr184Ser mutations in the peripherin/RDS gene cause con-rod dystrophy type 2a. These findings imply that a mutation in codon 244 or codon 184 of the peripherin/RDS gene affects the functions and/or structural **stability** of cones and rods.

CT Check Tags: Case Report; Female; Human; Male; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Adult  
Aged  
Amino Acid Sequence  
Asparagine  
Base Sequence  
\*Codon: GE, genetics  
DNA: AN, analysis  
Electroretinography  
\*Eye Proteins: GE, genetics  
Fluorescein Angiography  
Histidine  
\*Intermediate Filament Proteins: GE, genetics  
Membrane Glycoproteins: GE, genetics  
Middle Age  
Molecular Sequence Data  
Pedigree  
\*Photoreceptors: PA, pathology  
\*Point Mutation  
Polymorphism, Single-Stranded Conformational  
\*Retinal Degeneration: GE, genetics  
Retinal Degeneration: PA, pathology  
Serine  
Tyrosine  
Visual Fields  
RN 55520-40-6 (Tyrosine); 56-45-1 (Serine); 7006-34-0 (Asparagine); 7006-35-1  
(Histidine); 9007-49-2 (DNA)  
CN 0 (peripherin); 0 (Codon); 0 (Eye Proteins); 0 (Intermediate Filament  
Proteins); 0 (Membrane Glycoproteins)

L135 ANSWER 21 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 96120355 MEDLINE

DN 96120355

TI Synonymous substitution rates in enterobacteria.

AU Eyre-Walker A; Bulmer M

CS Department of Biological Sciences, Rutgers University, Piscataway, New  
Jersey 08855-1059, USA.

SO GENETICS, (1995 Aug) 140 (4) 1407-12.

Journal code: FNH. ISSN: 0016-6731.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199603

AB It has been shown previously that the synonymous substitution rate between Escherichia coli and Salmonella typhimurium is lower in highly than in weakly expressed genes, and it has been suggested that this is due to stronger selection for translational efficiency in highly expressed genes as reflected in their greater codon usage bias. This hypothesis is tested here by comparing the substitution rate in codon families with different patterns of synonymous codon use. It is shown that the decline in the substitution rate across expression levels is as great for codon families that do not appear to be subject to selection for translational efficiency as for those that are. This implies that selection on translational efficiency is not responsible for the decline in the substitution rate across genes. It is argued that the most likely explanation for this decline is a decrease in the mutation rate. It is also shown that a simple evolutionary model in which synonymous codon use is determined by a balance between mutation, selection for an optimal codon, and



genetic drift predicts that selection should have little effect on the substitution rate in the present case.

CT \*Codon: GE, genetics  
 \*Enterobacteriaceae: GE, genetics  
 Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
 Evolution, Molecular  
 Gene Frequency  
 \*Models, Genetic  
 \*Mutation  
 Salmonella typhimurium: GE, genetics  
 Selection (Genetics)  
 Sequence Alignment  
 \*Translation, Genetic  
 CN 0 (Codon)

L135 ANSWER 22 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 95147464 MEDLINE

DN 95147464

TI Third codon G + C periodicity as a possible signal for an "internal" selective constraint.

AU Lio P; Ruffo S; Buiatti M

CS Dipartimento di Biologia Animale e Genetica, Universita di Firenze, Italy..

SO JOURNAL OF THEORETICAL BIOLOGY, (1994 Nov 21) 171 (2) 215-23.

Journal code: K8N. ISSN: 0022-5193.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199505

AB Quasi-local analysis methods, such as window Fast Fourier Transform and an information theoretical quantity known as mutual information, have allowed us to gain some further insights on the importance and the contextual dependence of a pattern found in DNA sequences showing a periodicity of three with a G or C base in the third position. We have screened for such a periodicity, in terms of the alternative "strong" (S = C or G) versus "weak" (W = A or T) base, a large sample of DNA coding and non-coding sequences from both prokaryotes and eukaryotes, with the aim of testing whether this pattern could be considered as a significant signal for past or present constraints regarding DNA organization and/or function. This periodicity was indeed found in a number of sequences always associated with open reading frames, generally confined in prokaryotes living in extreme environments or in highly conserved eukaryotic genes. Moreover, codon usage was found to be very similar even in genes coding for very different functions. The data are discussed in view of their possible implications for an adaptive value of such a periodicity, in terms of more accurate translation processing and better overall **stability**.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Human

\*Base Sequence

\*Codon: GE, genetics

\*Computer Simulation

Genes, Plant

Genetic Code

\*Models, Genetic

Reading Frames

\*Sequence Analysis, DNA

CN 0 (Codon)

L135 ANSWER 23 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 95115058 MEDLINE

DN 95115058

TI Translational inhibition by a human cytomegalovirus upstream open reading frame despite inefficient utilization of its AUG codon.

AU Cao J; Geballe A P

CS Department of Molecular Medicine, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle, Washington 98104..

NC AI26672 (NIAID)  
SO JOURNAL OF VIROLOGY, (1995 Feb) 69 (2) 1030-6.  
Journal code: KCV. ISSN: 0022-538X.  
CY United States  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 199504  
AB The second of three short upstream open reading frames (uORF2) in the transcript leader of the human cytomegalovirus gp48 (gpUL4) virion glycoprotein gene inhibits downstream translation approximately 10-fold. Remarkably, this inhibition depends on the amino acid coding information of uORF2. In the current studies we demonstrate that expression of the cistron downstream from uORF2 depends on ribosomes bypassing the uORF2 AUG codon (AUG2) by a leaky scanning mechanism. Replacing the nucleotides surrounding the wild-type AUG2 codon with those **optimal** for translation initiation reduces downstream translation approximately 10-fold. Analyses of mutants in which uORF2 either overlaps or is in frame with the downstream reading frame reveal that the initiation frequency at the wild-type AUG2 codon is surprisingly low; rather, the majority of ribosomal subunits bypass the wild-type AUG2 codon because of its suboptimal context. We propose a model to explain this unprecedented example of a paradoxically strong inhibitory effect of an upstream ORF despite inefficient utilization of its initiation codon.

CT Check Tags: Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
beta-Galactosidase: GE, genetics  
Base Sequence  
\*Codon  
\*Cytomegalovirus: GE, genetics  
Molecular Sequence Data  
\*Open Reading Frames  
Signal Peptides: PH, physiology  
\*Translation, Genetic  
\*Viral Envelope Proteins: GE, genetics  
Viral Envelope Proteins: PH, physiology

CN EC 3.2.1.23 (beta-Galactosidase); 0 (cytomegalovirus glycoprotein 48); 0 (Codon); 0 (Signal Peptides); 0 (Viral Envelope Proteins)

L135 ANSWER 24 OF 37 MEDLINE  
AN 94316481 MEDLINE  
DN 94316481  
TI Codon usage in Caenorhabditis elegans: delineation of translational selection and mutational biases.  
AU Stenico M; Lloyd A T; Sharp P M  
CS Department of Genetics, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland..  
SO NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, (1994 Jul 11) 22 (13) 2437-46.  
Journal code: O8L. ISSN: 0305-1048.  
CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
OS GENBANK-Z19555; GENBANK-Z19152; GENBANK-L07144  
EM 199410  
AB Synonymous codon usage varies considerably among Caenorhabditis elegans genes. Multivariate statistical analyses reveal a single major trend among genes. At one end of the trend lie genes with relatively unbiased codon usage. These genes appear to be lowly expressed, and their patterns of codon usage are consistent with mutational biases influenced by the neighbouring nucleotide. At the other extreme lie genes with extremely biased codon usage. These genes appear to be highly expressed, and their codon usage seems to have been shaped by selection favouring a limited number of translationally **optimal** codons. Thus, the frequency of these **optimal** codons in a gene appears to be correlated with the level of gene expression, and may be a useful indicator in the case of genes (or open reading frames) whose expression levels (or even function) are unknown. A second, relatively minor trend among genes is correlated

with the frequency of G at synonymously variable sites. It is not yet clear whether this trend reflects variation in base composition (or mutational biases) among regions of the C.elegans genome, or some other factor. Sequence divergence between C.elegans and C.briggsae has also been studied.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Base Sequence

\*Caenorhabditis elegans: GE, genetics

\*Codon

Evolution

Molecular Sequence Data

\*Mutation

\*Translation, Genetic

CN 0 (Codon)

L135 ANSWER 25 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 94164953 MEDLINE

DN 94164953

TI An in-frame deletion of codon 298 of the NADH-cytochrome b5 reductase gene results in hereditary methemoglobinemia type II (generalized type). A functional implication for the role of the COOH-terminal region of the enzyme.

AU Shirabe K; Fujimoto Y; Yubisui T; Takeshita M

CS Department of Biochemistry, Oita Medical University, Japan..

SO JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, (1994 Feb 25) 269 (8) 5952-7.

Journal code: HIV. ISSN: 0021-9258.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

EM 199406

AB The nucleotide sequence was determined for the gene of NADH-cytochrome b5 reductase of a patient of type II hereditary methemoglobinemia found in Yokohama, Japan. An in-frame deletion of 3 base pairs corresponding to codon 298 (TTC) was identified in the patient. The patient was homozygous for the mutation as shown by hybridization experiments using allele-specific oligonucleotides. The mutation causes deletion of Phe-298, which is the third to the COOH-terminal residue, indicating that in this mutant enzyme the sequence of this region has changed from -Cys-Phe-Val-Phe-COOH to -Cys-Val-Phe-COOH. The mutant enzyme, whose Phe-298 was deleted (F298 delta), was prepared by means of a bacterial expression system and site-directed mutagenesis. The kcat/Km value (NADH) of the enzyme was 5.7 s-1 M-1, which corresponds to 0.4% of that of the wild type. Moreover, the enzyme was much less thermostable than the wild type. To examine further the role of the COOH-terminal portion of the enzyme, various mutant enzymes were also prepared and characterized. The enzymatic properties of F298L, F300L, and F298L/F300L were essentially the same as that of the wild type. The kinetic properties of F298A, and F300A were not greatly affected, but the **stability** of the enzymes was somewhat impaired. Since Val-299 is naturally Ala in steer enzyme, no specific residues in the carboxyl-terminal region (298-300) are essential to the enzyme function. The instability of the F298/F300A double mutant indicates that the hydrophobicity of the carboxyl-terminal region of the enzyme might be important to maintain the conformation of the enzyme. high impairment of the activity of the F298 delta, F298stop, and F300stop mutants might be caused by the loss of the residue(s) in the carboxyl-terminal portion. These results indicate that the hydrophobicity, but not the specific amino acid residues, of the carboxyl-terminal portion of the enzyme is important for the **stability** of the enzyme.

CT Check Tags: Human; Male; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

Adolescence

Amino Acid Sequence

Base Sequence

Catalysis

Circular Dichroism

\*Codon

\*Cytochrome Reductases: GE, genetics  
 Cytochrome Reductases: ME, metabolism  
**Enzyme Stability**  
 Heat

\*Methemoglobinemia: GE, genetics  
 Molecular Sequence Data  
 Mutation  
 Oligodeoxyribonucleotides  
 \*Sequence Deletion

CN EC 1.6.2. (Cytochrome Reductases); EC 1.6.2.2 (cytochrome b(5) reductase);  
 0 (Codon); 0 (Oligodeoxyribonucleotides)

L135 ANSWER 26 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 93065193 MEDLINE

DN 93065193

TI Evolution of codon usage patterns: the extent and nature of divergence  
 between *Candida albicans* and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

AU Lloyd A T; Sharp P M

CS Department of Genetics, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland..

SO NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH, (1992 Oct 25) 20 (20) 5289-95.

Journal code: O8L. ISSN: 0305-1048.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals; Cancer Journals

OS GENBANK-L00026; GENBANK-M35158; GENBANK-M15867; GENBANK-J05583;  
 GENBANK-M23865; GENBANK-M14760; GENBANK-M30513; GENBANK-M21483;  
 GENBANK-M31132; GENBANK-X53424; GENBANK-X03534; GENBANK-M13358;  
 GENBANK-M63892; GENBANK-X01638; GENBANK-J02706; GENBANK-J01384;  
 GENBANK-K02207; +

EM 199302

AB Codon usage in a sample of 28 genes from the pathogenic yeast *Candida albicans* has been analysed using multivariate statistical analysis. A major trend among genes, correlated with gene expression level, was identified. We have focussed on the extent and nature of divergence between *C. albicans* and the closely related yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. It was recently suggested that significant differences exist between the subsets of preferred codons in these two species [Brown et al. (1991) Nucleic Acids Res. 19, 4293]. Overall, the genes of *C. albicans* are more A + T-rich, reflecting the lower genomic G + C content of that species, and presumably resulting from a different pattern of mutational bias. However, in both species highly expressed genes preferentially use the same subset of 'optimal' codons. A suggestion that the low frequency of NCG codons in both yeast species results from selection against the presence of codons that are potentially highly mutable is discounted. Codon usage in *C. albicans*, as in other unicellular species, can be interpreted as the result of a balance between the processes of mutational bias and translational selection. Codon usage in two related *Candida* species, *C. maltosa* and *C. tropicalis*, is briefly discussed.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't

\**Candida albicans*: GE, genetics

\*Codon: GE, genetics

Evolution

\*Gene Frequency: GE, genetics

\*Genes, Fungal: GE, genetics

Molecular Sequence Data

Repetitive Sequences, Nucleic Acid: GE, genetics

\**Saccharomyces cerevisiae*: GE, genetics

CN 0 (Codon)

L135 ANSWER 27 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 92347705 MEDLINE

DN 92347705

TI Polymorphism at codon 72 of the p53 gene in human acute myelogenous  
 leukemia.

AU Zhang W; Hu G; Deisseroth A

CS Department of Hematology, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center,  
Houston 77030.

NC PO1 CA49639-01A1 (NCI)

SO GENE, (1992 Aug 15) 117 (2) 271-5.  
Journal code: FOP. ISSN: 0378-1119.

CY Netherlands

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199211

AB A common polymorphism at codon 72 of the p53 gene in patients with acute  
myelogenous leukemia (AML) was analyzed by single-strand conformation  
polymorphism assay and sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide-gel  
electrophoresis of immunoprecipitated 35S-labeled P53 protein. No  
association between this polymorphism and a marked predisposition to AML  
was found. The half-lives of these two polymorphic forms of P53 were  
equivalent in normal phytohemagglutinin-stimulated lymphocytes, while the  
P53 Pro72 isoform was found to be twice as **stable** as the Arg72  
isoform in Daudi cells.

CT Check Tags: Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
Base Sequence  
\*Codon: GE, genetics  
DNA, Single-Stranded: GE, genetics  
Electrophoresis  
\*Genes, p53: GE, genetics  
\*Leukemia, Myelocytic, Acute: GE, genetics  
Molecular Sequence Data  
Nucleic Acid Conformation  
Oligodeoxyribonucleotides: GE, genetics  
Polymerase Chain Reaction  
\*Polymorphism (Genetics): GE, genetics  
Tumor Cells, Cultured

CN 0 (Codon); 0 (DNA, Single-Stranded); 0 (Oligodeoxyribonucleotides)

GEN p53

L135 ANSWER 28 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 92331595 MEDLINE

DN 92331595

TI The 'second-codon rule' and autophosphorylation govern the  
**stability** and activity of Mos during the meiotic cell cycle in  
Xenopus oocytes.

AU Nishizawa M; Okazaki K; Furuno N; Watanabe N; Sagata N

CS Division of Molecular Genetics, Kurume University, Fukuoka, Japan..

SO EMBO JOURNAL, (1992 Jul) 11 (7) 2433-46.  
Journal code: EMB. ISSN: 0261-4189.

CY ENGLAND: United Kingdom

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199210

AB The c-mos proto-oncogene product, Mos, functions in both early (germinal  
vesicle breakdown) and late (metaphase II arrest) steps during meiotic  
maturation in Xenopus oocytes. In the early step, Mos is only partially  
phosphorylated and metabolically unstable, while in the late step it is  
fully phosphorylated and highly **stable**. Using a number of Mos  
mutants expressed in oocytes, we show here that the instability of Mos in  
the early step is determined primarily by its penultimate N-terminal  
residue, or by a rule referred to here as the 'second-codon rule'. We  
demonstrate that unstable Mos is degraded by the ubiquitin-dependent  
pathway. In the late step, on the other hand, Mos is **stabilized**  
by autophosphorylation at Ser3, which probably acts to prevent the  
N-terminus of Mos from being recognized by a ubiquitin-protein ligase.  
Moreover, we show that Ser3 phosphorylation is essential for Mos to exert  
its full cytostatic factor (CSF) activity in fully mature oocytes. Thus, a  
few N-terminal amino acids are primary determinants of both the metabolic  
**stability** and physiological activity of Mos during the meiotic

cell cycle.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Amino Acid Sequence  
Base Sequence  
\*Codon  
DNA  
Electrophoresis, Polyacrylamide Gel  
\*Meiosis  
Molecular Sequence Data  
\*Ovum: CY, cytology  
Peptide Mapping  
Phosphorylation  
Phosphotransferases: ME, metabolism  
Precipitin Tests  
Protein-Tyrosine Kinase: GE, genetics  
Protein-Tyrosine Kinase: ME, metabolism  
\*Proto-Oncogene Proteins: GE, genetics  
Proto-Oncogene Proteins: ME, metabolism  
Serine: ME, metabolism  
Ubiquitin: ME, metabolism  
Xenopus

RN 56-45-1 (Serine); 9007-49-2 (DNA)

CN EC 2.7 (Phosphotransferases); EC 2.7.1.112 (Protein-Tyrosine Kinase); 0  
(Codon); 0 (Proto-Oncogene Proteins c-mos); 0 (Proto-Oncogene Proteins); 0  
(Ubiquitin)

L135 ANSWER 29 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 92223346 MEDLINE

DN 92223346

TI Positional effects on the structure and **stability** of abbreviated  
H-ras DNA sequences containing O6-methylguanine residues at codon 12.

AU Bishop R E; Moschel R C

CS Chemistry of Carcinogenesis Laboratory, NCI-Frederick Cancer Research and  
Development Center, Maryland 21702..

NC N01-CO-74101 (NCI)

SO CHEMICAL RESEARCH IN TOXICOLOGY, (1991 Nov-Dec) 4 (6) 647-54.  
Journal code: A5X. ISSN: 0893-228X.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199207

AB Activation of the H-ras protooncogene in rats by methylating carcinogens  
results from a G-to-A transition mutation at the second position of codon  
12 (GGA), presumably due to formation of an O6-methylguanine (m6G) at this  
position. A similar transition at the first position of codon 12 appears  
not to occur in vivo. To study the possible structural basis for this bias  
in mutation, we synthesized a series of 11-base H-ras sequences [e.g.,  
5'-d(CGCTG\*G\*AGGCG)-3' and two complementary strands] containing an m6G at  
the first, second, or both positions of codon 12 (i.e., G\* = m6G). The  
results of solution chemical studies indicated that the individual strands  
formed **stable** hairpin structures among which that containing m6G  
at the second position of codon 12 was most **stable**. Further, the  
DNA duplex with m6G at the second position was significantly more  
**stable** than that with m6G at the first position, and under certain  
conditions, it was more **stable** than the unmodified duplex as  
well. It is possible that such a difference in **stability** might  
lead to more ready recognition of an m6G at the first position by repair  
proteins, and this could contribute to the apparent site specificity of  
mutation by methylating carcinogens at codon 12 of the H-ras gene.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
Base Sequence  
Circular Dichroism  
\*Codon  
\*Genes, ras  
\*Guanine: AA, analogs & derivatives

Guanine: AN, analysis  
Molecular Sequence Data  
Rats

RN 20535-83-5 (O-(6)-methylguanine); 73-40-5 (Guanine)  
CN 0 (Codon)

L135 ANSWER 30 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 92205892 MEDLINE

DN 92205892

TI Detection of a rare point mutation in Ki-ras of a human bladder cancer xenograft by polymerase chain reaction and direct sequencing.

AU Grimmond S M; Raghavan D; Russell P J

CS Urological Cancer Research Unit, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, Australia..

SO UROLOGICAL RESEARCH, (1992) 20 (2) 121-6.

Journal code: WRX. ISSN: 0300-5623.

CY GERMANY: Germany, Federal Republic of

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199207

AB This paper represents the first report of a codon 59 mutation in Ki-ras from a spontaneous human transitional cell carcinoma of the bladder. Point mutations have the potential to activate the ras genes if they occur in critical coding regions. These include the sequences of codons 12, 13, 59, 61 and 63. Mutations in codons 12, 13 and 61 have been reported in a wide variety of human cancers, including transitional cell carcinoma of the bladder. However mutations in codon 59 have been reported only in retroviral Ki-ras and as a result of in vitro mutagenesis experiments. We have used the polymerase chain reaction and direct sequencing to detect mutations of Ki-ras, and allele-specific restriction analysis to detect mutations of N-ras in xenografts and continuous cell lines established from bladder cancer biopsies of ten different patients as well as in direct biopsy specimens from five human bladder tumours. For studies of Ki-ras, a 139 bp fragment which spanned the critical codons 12 and 13 and a 128 bp fragment that spanned the sequences of codon 59, 61 and 63 were enzymatically amplified and then sequenced. No N-ras mutations were detected. A heterozygous mutation of Ki-ras at codon 59 GCA----G/ACA was detected in one line. This mutation is being expressed and appears **stable** as it was detected over several xenograft passages and was present in paraffin-embedded tissue from the primary tumour of the patient. The biological significance of the mutation in bladder cancer is currently under study.

CT Check Tags: Animal; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Base Sequence

\*Bladder Neoplasms: GE, genetics

Blotting, Northern

\*Carcinoma, Transitional Cell: GE, genetics

\*Codon: GE, genetics

DNA Mutational Analysis

\*Genes, ras: GE, genetics

Immunoblotting

Mice

Mice, Inbred BALB C

Molecular Sequence Data

\*Mutation: GE, genetics

Polymerase Chain Reaction

Transplantation, Heterologous

CN 0 (Codon)

L135 ANSWER 31 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 92190477 MEDLINE

DN 92190477

TI Antithrombin-III-Stockholm: a codon 392 (Gly----Asp) mutation with normal heparin binding and impaired serine protease reactivity.

AU Blajchman M A; Fernandez-Rachubinski F; Sheffield W P; Austin R C;

Schulman S  
CS Canadian Red Cross Blood Society Transfusion Service, Hamilton, Ontario.  
SO BLOOD, (1992 Mar 15) 79 (6) 1428-34.  
Journal code: A8G. ISSN: 0006-4971.  
CY United States  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Abridged Index Medicus Journals; Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
EM 199206  
AB Antithrombin-III-Stockholm is a new structural variant of antithrombin-III (AT-III) with normal heparin affinity but defective serine protease inhibitory activity. The proposita, a white female born in 1966, was diagnosed to have developed a pulmonary embolus while on oral contraceptives at age 19. The proposita, as well as her father, were diagnosed to have a type 2 AT-III deficiency as they had normal levels of immunoreactive AT-III associated with decreased (approximately 60%) functional AT-III when measured with either alpha-thrombin or factor Xa as the substrate, either in the presence or absence of heparin. There was no evidence of abnormal electrophoretic mobility of AT-III from the proposita either in the presence or absence of heparin. Genomic DNA was prepared and all seven AT-III exons were polymerase chain reaction (PCR)-amplified and sequenced in both directions using nested primers. Only exon 7 provided evidence for the presence of a mutation, with the second base of codon 392 having a G---A substitution. Such a mutation would cause the substitution of aspartic acid at the site of the normally appearing glycine in the translated product. Furthermore, this mutation caused the destruction of an Hae III restriction site at this point in the AT-III gene. The absence of this Hae III site was confirmed using restriction fragment length polymorphism analysis of PCR-amplified material from the proposita. Experiments with AT-III from the proposita together with experiments with cell-free translated AT-III-Stockholm provided evidence that the mutant AT-III protein does not efficiently form a **stable** covalent inhibitory complex with alpha-thrombin, although it exhibits normal heparin affinity. The minimal thrombin-complexing ability of the mutant AT-III protein that was observed was accelerated by heparin, but to subnormal levels.  
CT Check Tags: Case Report; Female; Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
Adult  
\*Antithrombin III: GE, genetics  
Antithrombin III: ME, metabolism  
Base Sequence  
\*Codon  
Exons  
\*Heparin: ME, metabolism  
Molecular Sequence Data  
\*Mutation  
Polymerase Chain Reaction  
\*Serine Endopeptidases: AN, analysis  
Thrombin: ME, metabolism  
RN 9000-94-6 (Antithrombin III); 9005-49-6 (Heparin)  
CN EC 3.4.21 (Serine Endopeptidases); EC 3.4.21.5 (Thrombin); 0 (antithrombin III Stockholm); 0 (Codon)  
L135 ANSWER 32 OF 37 MEDLINE  
AN 92079909 MEDLINE  
DN 92079909  
TI Codon usage in Aspergillus nidulans.  
AU Lloyd A T; Sharp P M  
CS Department of Genetics, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland..  
SO MOLECULAR AND GENERAL GENETICS, (1991 Nov) 230 (1-2) 288-94.  
Journal code: NGP. ISSN: 0026-8925.  
CY GERMANY: Germany, Federal Republic of  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals  
EM 199203



AB Synonymous codon usage in genes from the ascomycete (filamentous) fungus *Aspergillus nidulans* has been investigated. A total of 45 gene sequences has been analysed. Multivariate statistical analysis has been used to identify a single major trend among genes. At one end of this trend are lowly expressed genes, whereas at the other extreme lie genes known or expected to be highly expressed. The major trend is from nearly random codon usage (in the lowly expressed genes) to codon usage that is highly biased towards a set of 19-20 "optimal" codons. The G + C content of the *A. nidulans* genome is close to 50%, indicating little overall mutational bias, and so the codon usage of lowly expressed genes is as expected in the absence of selection pressure at silent sites. Most of the **optimal** codons are C- or G- ending, making highly expressed genes more G + C-rich at silent sites.

CT Check Tags: Support, Non-U.S. Gov't  
 \**Aspergillus nidulans*: GE, genetics  
 Base Composition  
 \*Codon  
 Gene Expression  
 \*Genes, Fungal  
 Open Reading Frames

CN 0 (Codon)

L135 ANSWER 33 OF 37 MEDLINE  
 AN 91358728 MEDLINE  
 DN 91358728  
 TI Four different mutations in codon 28 of alpha spectrin are associated with structurally and functionally abnormal spectrin alpha I/74 in hereditary elliptocytosis.  
 AU Coetzer T L; Sahr K; Prchal J; Blacklock H; Peterson L; Koler R; Doyle J; Manaster J; Palek J  
 CS Department of Biomedical Research, St. Elizabeth's Hospital of Boston, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts 02135..  
 NC HL3746 (NHLBI)  
 HL27215 (NHLBI)  
 SO JOURNAL OF CLINICAL INVESTIGATION, (1991 Sep) 88 (3) 743-9.  
 Journal code: HS7. ISSN: 0021-9738.  
 CY United States  
 DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LA English  
 FS Abridged Index Medicus Journals; Priority Journals; Cancer Journals  
 EM 199112  
 AB Hereditary elliptocytosis (HE) Sp alpha I/74 is a disorder associated with defective spectrin (Sp) heterodimer self-association and an abnormal tryptic cleavage of the 80-kD alpha I domain of Sp resulting in increased amounts of a 74-kD peptide. The molecular basis of this disorder is heterogeneous and mutations in codons 28, 46, 48, and 49 (codons 22, 40, 42, and 43 in the previous nomenclature which did not include the six NH2-terminal amino acids) have been reported. In this study we present data on seven unrelated HE Sp alpha I/74 kindred from diverse racial backgrounds in whom we identified four different mutations all occurring in exon 2 of alpha Sp at codon 28. Utilizing the polymerase chain reaction we established a CGT----CTT; Arg----Leu 28 mutation in one kindred of Arab/Druze origin. In two unrelated white kindred of English/European origin the substitution is CGT----AGT; Arg----Ser 28 and in two apparently unrelated white kindred from New Zealand, the mutation is CGT----TGT; Arg----Cys 28. Finally, in one American black kindred and in a black kindred from Ghana the mutation involves CGT----CAT; Arg----His 28. Allele specific oligonucleotide hybridization confirmed that the probands are heterozygous for the respective mutant alleles. All four point mutations abolished an Aha II restriction enzyme site which allowed verification of linkage of the mutation with HE Sp alpha I/74. Our results imply that codon 28 of alpha Sp is a "hot spot" for mutations and also indicate that Arg 28 is critical for the conformational **stability** and functional self association of Sp heterodimers.

CT Check Tags: Human; Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
 Base Sequence

**\*Codon**

\*Elliptocytosis, Hereditary: GE, genetics  
Linkage (Genetics)  
Molecular Sequence Data

**\*Mutation**

Nucleic Acid Hybridization  
Polymorphism, Restriction Fragment Length  
Protein Conformation

\*Spectrin: GE, genetics

RN 12634-43-4 (Spectrin)

CN 0 (Codon)

L135 ANSWER 34 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 91355581 MEDLINE

DN 91355581

TI Synthesis, characterization, and solution properties of ras sequences modified by arylamine carcinogens at the first base of codon 61.

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SO CHEMICAL RESEARCH IN TOXICOLOGY, (1990 Nov-Dec) 3 (6) 559-65.

Journal code: A5X. ISSN: 0893-228X.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199112

AB The complementary pentadecamers d(5'-TACTCTTCTTGACCT) (strand A) and d(5'-AGGTCAAGAAGAGTA) (strand B), which span a portion of the mouse c-Ha-ras protooncogene centered around codon 61, were synthesized by using standard beta-cyanoethyl phosphoramidite chemistry and characterized by sequence analysis. Strand A, containing a sole guanine at the position corresponding to the first base of codon 61, was modified with N-acetoxy-N-(trifluoroacetyl)-2-aminofluorene or its 4-aminobiphenyl analogue. In both cases only the corresponding N-(deoxyguanosin-8-yl)arylamine adduct was formed, as judged from HPLC and UV analyses conducted after enzymatic hydrolysis of the modified oligomers. Nonmodified and modified pentadecamers were annealed with strand B. Cooperative melting transitions were observed with all samples, thus indicating the formation of **stable** duplexes. Melting temperatures decreased in the order nonmodified duplex greater than 2-aminofluorene-modified duplex greater than 4-aminobiphenyl-modified duplex, which indicated destabilization of the helical structure upon incorporation of the adducts, with 4-aminobiphenyl having the greatest effect. Circular dichroism spectra of all duplexes were characteristic of an overall right-handed B-type conformation, with no major conformational differences being detected between the two arylamine-modified oligomers.

CT \*Aminobiphenyl Compounds: ME, metabolism

Base Sequence

\*Carcinogens: ME, metabolism

Circular Dichroism

**\*Codon**

\*Fluorenes: ME, metabolism

\*Genes, ras

Molecular Sequence Data

Oligonucleotides: ME, metabolism

RN 153-78-6 (2-aminofluorene); 90-41-5 (2-aminodiphenyl)

CN 0 (Aminobiphenyl Compounds); 0 (Carcinogens); 0 (Codon); 0 (Fluorenes); 0 (Oligonucleotides)

L135 ANSWER 35 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 91136596 MEDLINE

DN 91136596

TI [Rare initiation codons are regulators of expression of the rpoC gene (letter)].

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AU Boni I V; Borodin A M

SO BIOORGANICHESKAIA KHIMIIA, (1990 Aug) 16 (8) 1134-7.  
Journal code: 9Z8. ISSN: 0132-3423.

CY USSR  
DT Letter  
LA Russian  
FS Priority Journals  
EM 199105

AB Translation of the rpoC genes in Escherichia coli and Salmonella typhimurium is known to start from the GUG codon. Now, using toeprint analysis we have shown UUG to be the initiation codon of the Pseudomonas putida rpoC gene. IF3 does not seem to proofread initiation at the UUG codon. The rpoC genes of P. putida, E. coli, and S. typhimurium, which use rare start codons, have strong SD-domains AGGAGG (P. p.) and GGGAG (E. c., S. t.), **optimal** seven-nucleotide spacing between SD and start codons, and good second codon AAA. We suggest that rpoC presents an infrequent case of the regulation of translation initiation by selecting the start codon.

CT Base Sequence  
\*Codon  
English Abstract  
Escherichia coli: GE, genetics  
\*Gene Expression Regulation, Bacterial  
Molecular Sequence Data  
Pseudomonas: GE, genetics  
Salmonella typhimurium: GE, genetics  
Translation, Genetic

CN 0 (Codon)  
GEN rpoC

L135 ANSWER 36 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 91033053 MEDLINE  
DN 91033053

TI CUG as a mutant start codon for cat-86 and xyle in Bacillus subtilis.  
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NC GM42925 (NIGMS)

SO GENE, (1990 Sep 28) 94 (1) 125-8.  
Journal code: FOP. ISSN: 0378-1119.

CY Netherlands  
DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LA English  
FS Priority Journals  
EM 199102

AB The cat-86 gene specifies chloramphenicol acetyltransferase (CAT). The cat-86 start codon is UUG, although related genes have AUG as the start codon. Changing the start codon to AUG increased expression of cat-86 by 36% in Bacillus subtilis. Changing the start codon to GUG and CUG decreased expression to 65% and 30%, respectively, of the level obtained when AUG was the start codon. CUG has not been previously shown to function as a start codon in B. subtilis. N-terminal sequencing of purified CAT protein specified by the CUG mutant, revealed that CUG was indeed the start codon and specified methionine. The gene xyle, which specifies catechol 2,3-dioxygenase, has AUG as its start codon. Changing the start codon for xyle to CUG decreased expression by 98%. However, when the ribosome-binding site sequence for xyle was **optimized** and the spacing between it and the start codon was increased to 8 nucleotides, xyle activity increased to 13% of the activity observed for AUG. CUG did not function efficiently as a start codon for cat-86 in Escherichia coli. These data suggest conditions under which CUG can function, with modest efficiency, as a start codon in B. subtilis.

CT Check Tags: Support, U.S. Gov't, Non-P.H.S.; Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.  
Bacillus subtilis: EN, enzymology  
\*Bacillus subtilis: GE, genetics  
Base Sequence  
Calorimetry

\*Chloramphenicol O-Acetyltransferase: GE, genetics

\*Codon: GE, genetics

\*Genes, Bacterial

Molecular Sequence Data

\*Mutagenesis, Site-Directed

Polymerase Chain Reaction

Translation, Genetic

CN EC 2.3.1.28 (Chloramphenicol O-Acetyltransferase); 0 (Codon)

GEN cat-86; xyle

L135 ANSWER 37 OF 37 MEDLINE

AN 91012600 MEDLINE

DN 91012600

TI Switches in species-specific codon preferences: the influence of mutation biases.

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SO JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR EVOLUTION, (1990 Aug) 31 (2) 71-80. Ref: 31

Journal code: J76. ISSN: 0022-2844.

CY United States

DT Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

General Review; (REVIEW)

(REVIEW, TUTORIAL)

LA English

FS Priority Journals

EM 199101

AB A model of synonymous codon usage is developed in which the most frequent codons are selectively advantageous because of their coadaptation with tRNA abundances. Random drift opposes the progress of this coevolution by pushing codon frequencies in the direction of the frequency that would result from mutation in the absence of selection. It is predicted that, within a certain range, an increased mutation bias away from an advantageous codon has little influence on its usage in highly expressed genes. However, a subsequent small increase in mutation bias over a critical range leads to a large reduction in the frequency of the codon. The switch in preference from one synonym to another is a sharp transition, with no **stable** intermediate state in which neither codon is advantageous. Codon usage patterns were compared among three related bacterial species of differing genomic G & C contents, *Escherichia coli*, *Serratia marcescens*, and *Proteus vulgaris*. It was found that although changes in mutation biases do not always result in switches in codon preferences, some switches have occurred in the direction of species-specific mutation biases. Fluctuating mutation biases may therefore be the main cause of differences between species in their codon preferences.

CT Amino Acids: AN, analysis

Base Composition

\*Codon

\*Enterobacteriaceae: GE, genetics

\*Mutation

\*Selection (Genetics)

Species Specificity

CN 0 (Amino Acids); 0 (Codon)